

6 EDUCATION APPEAL COMMITTEE (EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOL AND PLACING REQUESTS FOR SCHOOLS) (AN20-2022)

The Education Appeal Committee, which deals with appeals relative to exclusions from school and refusal of placing requests for schools, requires to be set up under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980. The Committee previously comprised the Convener of Children and Families Services, or their nominee, together with an Independent Chairperson and one Parent Council representative.

At present, there are three Chairpersons for the Appeal Committee appointed by the Children and Families Services Committee, Charlotte MacCrimmon, Susan Walker and Elaine Carolan who Chair the Committee by rotation. All have intimated that they are prepared to carry on in this role for a further period. The Head of Democratic and Legal Services further recommends that Paul Clancy be appointed as an additional Chairperson.

In order to allow continuity for appeal hearings, especially during the period May/June, when Primary 1 and Secondary 1 placing appeals are heard, it is recommended that Paul Clancy be appointed and Charlotte MacCrimmon, Susan Walker and Elaine Carolan be re-appointed, along with the Convener of Children and Families Services, or their nominee, and that the Appeal Committee comprises the Convener of Children and Families Services, or their nominee, together with an Independent Chairperson and one Parent representative.