

5 EDUCATION APPEAL COMMITTEE (EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOL AND PLACING REQUESTS FOR SCHOOLS) (AN73-2012)

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 Education, 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 Education Committee, Mary Reid, Gavin Smith and Grant Simmons who Chair the Committee by rotation. All have intimated that they are prepared to carry on in this role for a further period. In addition, it is proposed to appoint Mrs Marion Brand (former Head Teacher of Glebelands Primary School) as an additional Chairperson for the Appeal Committee.

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 Mrs Reid, Mr Smith and Mr Simmons be re-appointed and confirm the appointment of Mrs Brand along with the Convener of Education, or their nominee, and that the Appeal Committee comprises the Convener of Education, or their nominee, together with an Independent Chairperson and one Parent Council representative.