
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date: 4 September 2012
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Subject:	Appointment of Third Religious Representative to the Education & Communities Committee	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the appointment to the Committee of a third person interested in the promotion of religious education, in terms of Section 31 of the Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 In terms of the Local Government Etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, an Education Authority which appoints a Committee shall include 3 persons who are not members of the Education Authority and are as follows:
- (a) 1 representative of the Church of Scotland;
 - (b) 1 representative of the Roman Catholic Church and
 - (c) 1 person in the selection of whom the Authority shall have regard (taking account of the representation of the Churches under paragraphs (a) and (b) above) to the comparative strength within their area of all the churches and denominational bodies having constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship.
- 2.2 In accordance with the decision of the Committee at its meeting on 12 June 2012 (para 342), nominations were sought via public notice in the Greenock Telegraph and publicity on the Council's website to fill the vacancy for a third church/denominational representative on the Committee.
- 2.3 One expression of interest was received by the closing date of 31 July 2012, this being from Rev Fraser Donaldson B.A. Rev Donaldson is Minister of Greenock Elim Church and is an Executive and founding member of Inverclyde Christian Initiative, a registered charity and non-denominational Christian group which works in partnership with over 14 different Inverclyde churches and Christian groups to promote and encourage Christian Values and principles throughout Inverclyde.
- 2.4 Rev Donaldson also has 2 children attending Newark Primary School and is a member of the Parent Council of that school.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Members are asked to approve the appointment of Rev Fraser Donaldson to serve as the third church/denominational representative on the Education & Communities Committee.