Item 3

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Glasgow City Council

Council

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Education Appeal Committee – Terms of Reference - Membership

Purpose of Report:

To consider an amendment to the membership of the Education Appeal Committee as detailed in its Terms of Reference.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to approve amendments to the membership of the Education Appeal Committee.

Ward No(s):	Citywide: ✓
Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐	consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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1 Background

The Council at its meeting on 18th May 2022 approved the membership and Terms of Reference of the Education Appeal Committee as detailed below-

Membership: All members of the Council who have undertaken the necessary training together with a list of independent members forming panels comprising 2 independent members and 1 councillor.

Chair: To be appointed by each committee

Quorum: 3

Meeting Cycle: As required

Terms of Reference:

To determine appeals from parents or young persons regarding:

1 refusals by the education authority of placing requests made by parents for places in schools of their choice; and

2 decisions to exclude children or young persons from school.

2 Proposal.

In terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 an appeal committee shall consist of 3, 5 or 7 members nominated by the authority from among persons appointed by the authority.

The members of an appeal committee who are members of the authority shall not outnumber the other members of the appeal committee by more than one. Therefore, councillors may not outnumber non-councillors by more than one. So in a committee of 3, 2 councillors and an independent member or 2 independent members and a councillor is permissable.

The Council is about to start the process of administering the Education Appeal Committee process for placing request refusals for the start of the new school term in August 2023.

It is proposed that the current membership of the Education Appeal Committee be amended as detailed below which should make it less difficult to obtain panels for future meetings-

Membership: All members of the Council who have undertaken the necessary training together with a list of independent members forming panels comprising at least 1 independent

member and 1 councillor, with the third panel member being either an independent member or a councillor.

3 Recommendations

Members are asked to approve amendments to the membership of the Education Appeal Committee, as detailed below-

Membership: All members of the Council who have undertaken the necessary training together with a list of independent members forming panels comprising at least 1 independent members and 1 councillor, with the third panel member being either an independent member or a councillor.