

AMBITIOUS PLYMOUTH

Co-opted Representative report presented to
SACRE on 13 November 2013



This report is submitted to SACRE from the Ambitious Plymouth scrutiny panel to request that SACRE consider nominating and appointing a member of Group A to act as a non-statutory co-opted representative to sit on this scrutiny panel.

- I. To aid SACRE in understanding the role of the Ambitious Plymouth scrutiny panel the panel's terms of reference are listed below:

Terms of Reference

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To scrutinise matters relating to our specified responsibilities with a view to improving services, reducing inequalities and improving outcomes for the people of Plymouth.

OUR CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES

- Raise Aspirations
- Deliver Growth
- Reduce inequality
- Provide value for communities

OUR CORPORATE COMMITMENT THEMES

- Young Plymouth
- Vibrant Plymouth
- Pride in Plymouth
- Open Plymouth

LINKED TO THE CABINET MEMBER AND DEPARTMENT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR

- Schools and Colleges (including Governing issues)
- Apprenticeships (linked to Working Plymouth)
- Early years Development
- Education Grants
- Youth Services
- Leisure management (including leisure management contract)
- Events, Culture, Heritage and Museums (including Mount Edgcumbe)
- Sports Development
- Media, Public Relations and Communications
- Democracy and Governance
- Member Development

- Children's social care (primary responsibility for Children's Service Matters)
- Adoption and Fostering
- Early intervention and prevention
- Corporate Parenting
- The leadership and delivery of all services for children and young people

PARTNERSHIP LINKS

- Culture Board
- Children's Partnerships (for social care and education matters)

MEMBERSHIP - The Chair and Vice Chair of the panel shall serve on the Co-operative Scrutiny Board. All members of the panel will adhere to the general rules of Overview and Scrutiny. There are 12 members of the panel including the Chair and Vice Chair. The Vice Chair is from the opposite political group to the Chair.

2. The role of faith co-opted representative on the Ambitious Plymouth scrutiny panel is explained below:
 - 2.1 Faith representatives are statutory positions for the Ambitious Plymouth - appointed as panel co-opted representatives meaning that they are able to attend all panel meetings and speak on all items under discussion; however, the faith co-opted representatives are only allowed to vote on education matters which are under discussion at the meeting.
 - 2.2 Faith representatives are only legislated as Church of England and Roman Catholic. The Ambitious Plymouth panel during a discussion on co-opted representatives at its meeting 1 July 2013 felt that in order to have a more cultural and religious representation presented at meetings there was a need to ascertain whether other religious representatives would be interested in a role as co-opted representative (this would be with no voting rights due to the position being as a non-statutory co-opted representative).
3. The minute below reflects the discussion and resolutions with regards to minute 3. Appointment of Co-opted Representatives at the Ambitious Plymouth scrutiny meeting on 1 July 2013.

The panel discussed the appointment of co-opted representatives onto the Ambitious Plymouth panel and those present commented as follows -

- (a) as well as working with the Plymouth Association of Governors the panel should work closer with schools to try and obtain increased levels of parent governor representation;*
- (b) further work should be undertaken on sourcing faith representation onto the panel, using organisations and bodies like SACRE to promote a more multi-cultured faith representation;*
- (c) the appointed co-opted representatives of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel should be approached to become co-opted representatives on the Ambitious Plymouth panel;*

Agreed to recommend to the Cooperative Scrutiny Board that –

- (1) *the Democratic Support Officer contact the relevant organisations in an attempt to obtain nominations to fill the vacant statutory co-opted representative positions for faith representatives and parent governors to be co-opted onto the Ambitious Plymouth panel;*
 - (2) *the Democratic Support Officer approach the Lead Officer of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) to ask for nominations from SACRE members to become co-opted representatives onto the Ambitious Plymouth panel;*
 - (3) *Mrs Edith Bayley, Parent Governor co-opted representative on the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel, is approached to take up a position as a Parent Governor co-opted representative on the Ambitious Plymouth Panel for the next 12 months;*
 - (4) *Alderman Pauline Purnell is approached to take up a position as a co-opted representative onto the Ambitious Plymouth Panel for the next 12 months;*
 - (5) *the UK Youth Parliament are approached to take up two separate positions as co-opted representatives onto the Ambitious Plymouth panel for the next 12 months.*
4. The above recommendations were presented to the Cooperative Scrutiny Board for its meeting on 24 July 2013 for approval. The Cooperative Scrutiny Board agreed the Ambitious Plymouth Recommendations at this meeting subject to the following amendment to recommendation 2

“the Democratic Support Officer approached the Lead Officer of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) to ask for nominations from House A to become co-opted representatives onto the Ambitious Plymouth panel”.

Recommendation:

That SACRE appoint a member of Group A to act as a non-statutory co-opted representative on the Ambitious Plymouth Scrutiny Panel for the remainder of this municipal year to attend panel meetings on:

- Monday 3 February 2014 at 10am at the Council House, Plymouth
- Monday 3 March 2014 at 10am at the Council House, Plymouth

If SACRE agree to appoint a Group A member then the appointment will be for a four year term subject to annual review at the panel's first meeting after the City Council's AGM held in May.