

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Service Manager, Democracy

REPORT NO. DLS94

DATE: 1st MARCH 2007

TITLE:	REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES: COUNTY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION REVIEW PANELS
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	No
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	N/A
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	N/A - matter for council determination

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Paul Carpenter: Portfolio Holder, Access & Engagement (includes remit for democratic representation)
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Corporate Governance
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	N/A
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	This report is publicly available on the Council's website www.southkesteven.gov.uk via the Local Democracy link
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Letter dated 4 th January 2007 from the Assistant Director of Children's Services (Universal), Lincolnshire County Council

1. INTRODUCTION

This report is about an invitation from the Lincolnshire County Council to nominate a member representative from this authority to serve on the Primary School Provision Review Panels. The Primary School Provision (PSP) Review Panels are charged with looking at provision in the area of a Local Children's Partnership and making recommendations to the County Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this Council submit a member nomination for consideration to serve on one of the county's fifteen Primary School Provision Review Panels.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1** At the end of last year the Lincolnshire County Council adopted a Primary School Provision Policy. The County Council had previously consulted on a draft policy which was produced in order to address a number of issues concerning the provision of primary school education in the county, not least of which was the falling number of primary school pupils, a trend that is forecast to continue.

In order to implement this new policy and help determine future educational provision, the County Council is seeking nominations to serve on these Primary School Provision Review Panels of which there will be fifteen to cover the whole county area and advise on local provision.

- 3.2** Each Review Panel will comprise of no more than 14 voting members from the following categories:

- Dioceses – 1 member
- Parish, Town and District Councils – 3 members
- Local County Councillors – 2 members
- School headteachers – 4 members
- School governors, including a parent-governor – 4 members

Membership will be decided by the County Council after it has sought nominations from each of the above groups.

- 3.3** Training for the selected representatives will be provided, assisted by officers from Children's Services, to help them learn about the policy, the role of the PSP review panels and the tools available to them. The panels will determine their own schedule of meetings and in the first year it is anticipated that they will meet about four or five times.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

To not submit a nomination: although submission of a nomination does not automatically guarantee representation, a decision not to make a nomination would obviously result in the district council not having the opportunity to have some influence on this important community issue.

5. COMMENTS OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

None received

6. COMMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER

None received

7. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE MANAGER (DEMOCRACY)

7.1 Given the relative close proximity to the next district & parish elections, I did query whether this could be held over until after 3rd May. However, I was advised that the County Council would still wish to seek a nomination from us. If our nomination was successful, this appointment will obviously have to be reviewed at the annual meeting on 17th May, along with all other representations on outside bodies.

7.2 Details of this opportunity have previously been notified to all Group Leaders.

8. CONTACT OFFICER

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