

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
27 OCTOBER 2010**

**CO-OPTION ONTO THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
Head of Overview and Scrutiny**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report invites the Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel to co-opt onto the Panel Catriona Mitchell, Director of Kerith in the Community, as a children's social care representative.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 **That the Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel co-opt onto the Panel Catriona Mitchell as a non-voting children's social care representative member for a term of four years.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council's Constitution stipulates that the Overview and Scrutiny Commission appoints members of Overview and Scrutiny Panels, and that the Commission and the Panels are entitled to appoint non-voting co-optees to Overview and Scrutiny Panels.
- 3.2 As the remit of the Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel includes children's social care in addition to education, it is considered appropriate for the externally drawn membership of the Panel to reflect the scope of the Panel's work and the Panel previously agreed that its membership would include a children's social care representative. Following a recent recruitment exercise, one nomination for the position has been received, from Catriona Mitchell, and the Panel is therefore invited to co-opt her on to the Panel.
- 3.3 The Kerith Centre is a community church which operates initiatives including a children's activity group, parent and toddler group, a group to support disabled children and their families, foodbank, debt counselling and an HIV / AIDS project in Zambia.
- 3.4 Catriona Mitchell's nomination statement is attached for information.

Background Papers

Minutes of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the former Social Care and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

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