

12 October 2020

Our ref: 6675588

Thank you for your request received on 9 October 2020, for the following information:

I would like to understand the exact process around co-optee membership to your Education Scrutiny Committee (or whichever name your Local Authority specifies this committee).

**i. Does your LA's Education Scrutiny Committee include any co-opted (non-councillor) members? If so, how many?**

**ii. Are co-opted members co-opted to represent a specific group or organisation?**

**iii. Do such co-opted members have specific titles associated with their position?**

**iv. Is there a formal process for such members being co-opted? What is this process?**

**v. Does your Terms of Reference (or similar governance document) for the Education Scrutiny Committee define exactly the process in written form (and if so please provide the said document).**

**vi. Is there any difference in this process for statutory co-optee members v's non-statutory (discretionary) members**

**vii. Do such co-opted members have voting rights on the committee i.e. the same full privileges as do councillor members on the committee**

**viii. Do you have a specific space on the committee which is filed by parent governors?**

**ix. Is it a requirement locally for such parent governor representatives to be parent governors at local maintained schools, or are Academy school parent governor representatives allowed?**

**x. How many Academy school parent governors do you current have on your Education Scrutiny committee in this municipal year?**

**xi. How many Academy school parent governors did you have on your Education Scrutiny committee in the previous municipal year?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

**I would like to understand the exact process around co-optee membership to your Education Scrutiny Committee (or whichever name your Local Authority specifies this committee).**

We have responded based on the Council's Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee. The Terms of Reference for the committee can be found within the Council's constitution at the following address:  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD334&ID=334&RPID=22405790>

***i. Does your LA's Education Scrutiny Committee include any co-opted (non-councillor) members? If so, how many?***

No

***ii. Are co-opted members co-opted to represent a specific group or organisation?***

N/A

***iii. Do such co-opted members have specific titles associated with their position?***

N/A

***iv. Is there a formal process for such members being co-opted? What is this process?***

N/A

***v. Does your Terms of Reference (or similar governance document) for the Education Scrutiny Committee define exactly the process in written form (and if so please provide the said document)?***

N/A

***vi. Is there any difference in this process for statutory co-opted members v's non-statutory (discretionary) members***

N/A

***vii. Do such co-opted members have voting rights on the committee i.e. the same full privileges as do councillor members on the committee***

N/A

***viii. Do you have a specific space on the committee which is filled by parent governors?***

N/A

***ix. Is it a requirement locally for such parent governor representatives to be parent governors at local maintained schools, or are Academy school parent governor representatives allowed?***

N/A

***x. How many Academy school parent governors do you current have on your Education Scrutiny committee in this municipal year?***

N/A

***xi. How many Academy school parent governors did you have on your Education Scrutiny committee in the previous municipal year?***

N/A

**Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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