

Co-Opted Membership Scheme

35.1 VOTING RIGHTS OF CO-OPTED MEMBER

The Council's Scheme for voting co-opted Members is limited to the Parent Governor Representatives, duly elected to the relevant Policy and Scrutiny Committee as long as they remain qualified to serve on the Committee.

35.2 PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES

Parent Governor Representatives (PGRs) ensure that parents of children at school within the area of the local authority have an apolitical voice on local education matters and all matters to do with children and young people. They hold the local authority to account for education policy and decision making.

Who can become a PGR

Any parent governor (who is still a parent or a child in a maintained school, academy or Free School within the authority can stand for election, even if they only have a short time left to serve.

Speaking and Voting rights on the Committee

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Committee System) (England) Regulations 2012 (Part 4) Regulations 11 and 12, 'A local authority may permit a co-opted member of an overview and scrutiny committee of the authority to vote at meetings of the committee.

PGRs are full and equal members of the committee and have the right to speak on matters under discussion. They have full voting rights on any question which relates to any children and young person functions, which are the responsibility of the executive of the authority.

Role of a PGR

The role of the PGR is to:

- act as an apolitical voice for parents in the area
- represent the main issues which concern parents of pupils in schools maintained by the authority
- attend and contribute to the committees to which they have been appointed
- establish good relations with other members and officers
- act with due propriety according to standards laid down for conduct in local government.

Support for the role

Access to training is available for all PGRs and they are eligible to claim appropriate allowances for their role.