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REPORT TO: THE MORAY COUNCIL ON 17 MARCH 2010

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO MORAY CHILDREN'S PANEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CHILDREN'S PANEL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BY: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Council to consider nominating a Member to sit on the Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee and the Moray Children's Panel Training Advisory Committee, following Councillor Hamilton's appointment to Chair of the Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to Committee structures, distribution of functions and responsibilities.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council agree to appointing a Member to sit on the Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee and the Moray Children's Panel Training Advisory Committee, as a Local Authority representative.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Moray Council on the 9th May 2007 (para 9 of the minute refers) it was agreed to appoint Councillor J. Hamilton and Councillor A. McKay to the Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee.
- 3.2 Councillor Hamilton has resigned as one of the Local Authority representatives on the Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee and Moray Children's Panel Training Advisory Committee.
- 3.3 The remit of the Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee is to advise the Scottish Government on the appointment and re-appointment of Panel Members and to advise the Scottish Government on the appointment of the Chairman and Depute Chairman when appropriate. To monitor Panel members in Hearings to ensure that standards are being maintained.
- 3.4 The remit of the Moray Children's Panel Training Advisory Committee is to ensure that all Panel members are being trained correctly and attend the training sessions.

- 3.5 Councillor Divers has expressed an interest in being considered as the Local Authority Representative.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) *Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan*

This refers to National Outcome 5 “Our children have the best start in life and area ready to succeed” and our Local Priority 6 “Young People” in that all children should be able to achieve their potential despite barriers which they may face by ensuring earliest possible intervention for those children in need.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Scottish Government place an onus on the Local Authority to have a proportionate number of Members on the Children’s Panel Advisory Committee dependent on the number of Scottish Government appointed members within the group.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Allowances for nominated Members attendance at meetings of organisations appointed to is covered in the Councillors and Members Allowance Scheme.

(d) Consultations

None

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 It is requested that the Council consider appointing an Member to sit on the Moray Children’s Panel Advisory Committee and the Moray Children’s Panel Training Advisory Committee as the Local Authority Representative.**

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