

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 23 September 2010

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Children and Young People

**SUBJECT:** The relationship between the Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board and the Diocese of Shrewsbury and Archdiocese of Liverpool

**WARDS:** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To enable a representative from the Diocese of Shrewsbury and Archdiocese of Liverpool to be appointed to the Children and Young People's Policy and Performance Board.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That, following the Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board's approval on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010, the Executive Board recommend to Full Council the appointment of a Diocesan representative for Shrewsbury and Liverpool, as a voting co-optee on the Policy and Performance Board for a period of four years, commencing from the date approval is given.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- Under a Direction issued by the Secretary of State authorities must appoint diocesan representatives to Scrutiny Committees under s499 Education Act 1996 and DfEE Circular 19/99 all as amended. These representatives will have voting rights in relation to any decision relating to: - schools maintained by the LA, pupils who attend schools maintained by the LA or are educated by the LA in some way but not the other business of the Committee. This is to enable denominations to have a direct input to policies on education provision for pupils of school age
- The Dioceses of Shrewsbury and Liverpool are therefore entitled to nominate representatives to sit on the Children and Young People's Policy and Performance Board
- A name for this position has been submitted, Miss Elizabeth Lawler (pen portrait attached)
- Operating as an independent representative the views of the Dioceses will be expressed

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Dioceses of Shrewsbury and Liverpool fulfil their right to a representative on the Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board

#### **4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None applicable.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **Children and Young People in Halton**

- 6.1 Continuing a formal relationship between the Dioceses and Children and Young People PPB will strengthen the Council's ability to monitor and review progress on priorities.

##### **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

- 6.2 None applicable.

##### **A Healthy Halton**

- 6.3 None applicable

##### **A Safer Halton**

- 6.4 None applicable.

##### **Halton's Urban Renewal**

- 6.5 None applicable.

#### **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 Failure to respond appropriately to requests for information and referrals would result in the CYP PPB contravening current legislation.

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 The procedures and processes described in this report will enable a much broader range of people to contribute and influence scrutiny and commissioning decisions.

#### **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- 9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

Pen Portrait

Miss Lawler is a retired teacher, most recently at John Boscoe arts College, with over 40 years service. (Retired 2 years ago).

Miss Lawler is active as a Governor at Sts Peter's and Paul's Catholic College, Widnes and works on a voluntary basis at Riverside College in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team.