

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA091020-6762

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request about Education Scrutiny Committees, which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 9 October 2020.

You requested:

1. *Does your LA's Education Scrutiny Committee include any co-opted (non-councillor) members? If so, how many?*
2. *Are co-opted members co-opted to represent a specific group or organisation?*
3. *Do such co-opted members have specific titles associated with their position?*
4. *Is there a formal process for such members being co-opted? What is this process?*
5. *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).*
6. *Is there any difference in this process for statutory co-opted members v's non-statutory (discretionary) members*
7. *Do such co-opted members have voting rights on the committee i.e. the same full privileges as do councillor members on the committee*
8. *Do you have a specific space on the committee which is filled by parent governors?*
9. *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?*
10. *How many Academy school parent governors do you current have on your Education Scrutiny committee in this municipal year?*
11. *How many Academy school parent governors did you have on your Education Scrutiny committee in the previous municipal year?*

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The London Assembly does have a scrutiny role, which you can read about at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly>. Among the Assembly's Committees, there is an Education Panel, but it does not include any co-opted members. You can find details of the Panel's membership, terms of reference and committee meeting agendas and minutes at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/education-panel#acc-i-58548> and if

you need more information about the role and work of the GLA, please go to our website:
www.london.gov.uk.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA091020-6762.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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