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Scottish Parliament Public Petition PE1498 on Religious Representatives on Local Authority Education Committees

Directors of the Scottish Parent Teacher Council are grateful for the opportunity to respond to this petition.

We have reviewed and discussed its content and other responses received to date.

This is a question which is generally not raised by parents we work with. Many are likely to be unaware that Education Committees of local authorities have on them a number of unelected representatives of various bodies.

SPTC does not propose to agree or disagree with this petition as we believe the views of our members are likely to be extremely varied. Rather, we suggest that in its consideration of this issue, the Committee should take cognisance of equalities and other legislation which impacts on this matter. We would also like to raise the question of parental representation on education committees (which happens in some areas).

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