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## **RADDERY TRUST**

### **By Bill Alexander**

#### **Summary**

This report seeks homologation of the appointment of Councillor L MacDonald to the Raddery Trust.

#### **1 Background**

- 1.1 Raddery School on the Black Isle, was managed for many years by an independent Board, Raddery School Ltd. The Board leased land and accommodation from the Council, and constructed their own property on and around the site.
- 1.2 The school closed in June 2001, and attempts by the Board to raise capital funding to re-establish the school on a revised model were abandoned in May 2005.
- 1.3 As part of the agreement to terminate the lease, Raddery School Ltd established the Raddery Trust to promote the education and care of children with additional support for learning needs for an area of benefit extending to the whole of the Highlands.

The key terms of the Trust are:

- i) that there be up to 5 trustees to administer the Trust, one of whom being appointed by the Highland Council;
  - ii) that the 'Area of Benefit' of the Trust shall be the whole area for which the Highland Council is responsible;
  - iii) that the 'object of the trust' is to carry on and promote the education and care of children and young persons with additional support for learning needs normally resident within the 'area of benefit' and also for children and young persons placed outwith the 'area of benefit' by the Highland Council.
- 1.4 The present level of funding available to the trust is around £100,000, but this will increase as funds are released.

#### **2 Appointment of trustee**

- 2.1 The Highland Council initially nominated Councillor Andy Anderson to the Raddery Trust, but no meetings took place during the period when he was a member of the Council.

2.2 The Trust required a member of the Council to attend its first meeting, and Councillor Liz MacDonald was able to respond to this. That meeting considered processes and criteria for applications. A further meeting is planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Recommendation**

It is proposed that Councillor MacDonald's membership of the Trust is homologated by the Joint Committee and Highland Council.

### **Bill Alexander**

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