

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>THE PROMOTION OF CITIZENSHIP WITHIN SCHOOLS</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider the outcome of the member-student panel trial at Lincoln Christ's Hospital on 27 September 2013.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 11 March 2013, the Committee heard representations from a delegation of the Lincoln Christ's Hospital School regarding young people's engagement with democracy. As an outcome of the meeting, members resolved that officers should seek to work with the school to establish a trial format aimed at aiding young people's engagement with local democracy.
- 2.2 The overall intention for the trial is two-fold: to increase students' knowledge of and engagement with the democratic process, while also helping the Council and councillors to understand the aspirations and views of Lincoln's young people. If successful, it is likely that the format could be extended and replicated both in future years and in different schools across Lincoln.
- 2.3 The Committee supported proposals at its meeting on 30 July 2013 for a member-student panel format, the initial membership of which comprised:
- Councillor C. Burke
  - Councillor G. Ellis
  - Councillor Hills
  - Councillor Metcalfe
  - Councillor Oxby, Lincolnshire County Council

## **3. Matters for Members' Consideration**

- 3.1 At the time of publishing this report, the member-student panel has yet to take place. Once completed participating members will be requested to feedback to the Committee on:
- the suitability of the format used for the panel.
  - the composition of the panel, i.e. whether any future panels should have a different mix of councillors including Lincolnshire County Council, portfolio holders, and local ward members.
  - any comments received from school students or staff regarding the event.

- any general observations which could form the basis of further action with regard to the Committee's aim of increasing democratic engagement with young people.

3.2 Having considered this feedback, members should be able to consider the most suitable next steps for this programme, including the format, timing, and hosts for any future activity.

#### **4. Organisational Impacts**

##### 4.1 Finance

There are no financial implications to this report.

##### 4.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications to this report.

#### **5. Recommendation**

5.1 That members consider whether the trial format for the member-student panel is suitable for future usage or requires further refinement.

5.2 That members recommend whether member-student panels should be pursued across the city on an ongoing basis.