

# **Early Years and Schools Forum**

28 February 2024

Agenda Item: 3a

#### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FORUM CONSTITUTION 'MAT' MEMBERSHIP

## **Purpose of the Report**

This purpose of this report is to gain School Forum approval to update the Election of Schools and Academies Membership, specifically the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) membership in the Early Years and Schools Forum Constitution.

### Information and Advice

In the current Early Years and Schools Forum Constitution published in March 2021 there is a criteria in point 2.04 that specifies any MAT can only be represented once and 2.05 that MATs can only hold one position within any one category within the Forum.

However, there are continuing challenges in filing all School Forum membership representatives an since this criterion was published there have been more schools that have joined MATs, therefore the Constitution needs to be updated to reflect the changing representation of schools.

To safeguard against a MAT being overrepresented it is recommended that the criteria be updated so that no MAT's can hold more than two positions within the Forum and can be represented by two positions within any one category within the Forum.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Forum recommends updating the Early Years and Schools Forum Constitution:

- Remove the criteria that MAT's should only be represented once within the composition of Schools Forum.
- Replace with 'to ensure that any MAT is not represented more than twice'.
- Remove the criteria in 2.05 subsection 3 that MAT's should only hold one position within any one category within the Forum.
- Replace with the criteria that MAT's should only hold 2 positions within any one category within the Forum.
- Review the constitution annually in the September Forum meeting.

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