

REVIEW OF SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1. The constitution of the Forum should be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it still meets the requirements of the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012 and that the membership reflects how children are educated in Nottinghamshire.

The regulations require that:

- 1) *Schools members and Academies members must together comprise at least two thirds of the membership of the forum.*
 - 2) *At least one member must be a representative of the governing bodies of maintained schools and at least one member must be a representative of the head teachers of such schools.*
 - 3) *Subject to paragraphs (4) to (7), primary schools, secondary schools and Academies must be broadly proportionately represented on the forum, having regard to the total number of pupils registered at them.*
 - 4) *Where the authority maintains one or more secondary schools, at least one schools member must be a representative of a secondary school.*
 - 5) *Where the authority maintains one or more special schools, at least one schools member must be a representative of a special school.*
 - 6) *Where the authority maintains one or more nursery schools, at least one schools member must be a representative of a nursery school.*
 - 7) *Where the authority maintains one or more pupil referral units, at least one schools member must be a representative of a pupil referral unit.*
 - 8) *An authority may determine that the number of members representing schools in a particular school category must be broadly proportionate to the total number of schools in that category when compared with the total number of schools.*
2. The Schools Forum membership was last reviewed in July 2013 and the current constitution is as detailed below:

School and Academy membership (based on pupil population)

- 7 maintained primary Head teachers
- 1 maintained secondary Head teacher
- 6 academy Head teachers
- 1 special school Head teacher
- 1 pupil referral unit Head teacher
- 5 governor representatives (minimum 1 maintained primary, 1 maintained secondary, 1 academy and 1 special school governor)

Non-school membership

- 1 16-19 institution representative (non-school or academy)
- 2 PVI representatives
- 2 Diocesan representatives
- 2 Trade Union representatives (teaching & non-teaching)

Total membership: 28

3. This membership was based on pupil data extracted from the October 2012 census. This data compared with the latest data from the October 2013 census is shown in the following table:

Sector	Number of Schools	October 2012 Census	%	Number of Schools	October 2013 Census	%
Primary - maintained	254	51,122	51	252	52,223	52
Secondary - maintained	5	4,398	4	5	4,093	4
Primary - academy	28	7,490	8	30	7,843	8
Secondary - academy	40	36,838	37	40	36,095	36
	327	99,848	100	327	100,254	100

4. As the number of schools and percentage of pupils in each sector has remained broadly the same between the two censuses it is recommended that the membership of the Schools Forum remains for the academic year 2014/15 as set out in paragraph 2 above. The membership will be reviewed again in June 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Agrees to the membership as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

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