

## **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 June 2014 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 2013 census and has now been updated to reflect the latest data from the October 2014 census in the following table:

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>October 2013 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>October 2014 Census</b>	<b>%</b>
Primary – maintained	252	52,223	52	246	52,115	52
Secondary - maintained	5	4,093	4	5	3,941	4
Primary – academy	30	7,843	8	35	9,598	9
Secondary – academy	40	36,095	36	41	35,700	35
	<b>327</b>	<b>100,254</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>101,354</b>	<b>100</b>

4. The membership for maintained primary and academy members is based on a pupil population ratio and as the number of pupils in these two sectors has remained broadly the same, between the two census dates, it is recommended that their membership remains the same for academic year 2015/16.
5. The current membership also includes one pupil referral unit member but with effect from September 2015 the County Council will not operate any pupil referral units so the requirement to have a forum member for this sector is no longer necessary.
6. Changes to the regulations for 2015-16 introduced new requirements to extend the membership of the forum to include a representative of:
- AP academies and free schools, where they exist
  - Special academies and free schools, where they exist.

Nottinghamshire has two special academies which will now need representation on the forum and that does not need to be a Head teacher. The two academies have been asked to nominate a representative.

7. When the changes in paragraph 5 and 6 are taken into account the constitution of the forum for the academic year 2015/16 will be as follows:

School and Academy membership

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

Non-school membership

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8. It is recommended that the membership of the Schools Forum for the 2015/16 academic year is as set out in paragraph 7 above. It will be reviewed again in June 2016.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Schools Forum:**

- 1) Notes the content of the report.
- 2) Agrees to the membership as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.

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