

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 2015 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 2015 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 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

- 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 2014 census and has now been updated to reflect the latest data from the October 2015 census in the following table:

Sector	Number of Schools	October 2014 Census	%	Number of Schools	October 2014 Census	%
Primary – maintained	246	52,115	52	239	51,269	50
Secondary - maintained	5	3,941	4	5	3,897	4
Primary – academy	35	9,598	8	42	11,942	11
Secondary – academy	41	35,700	36	41	35,741	35
	327	101,354	100	327	102,849	100

4. The membership for maintained primary and academy members is based on a pupil population ratio and although there has been a 2% shift in the number of pupils between these sectors, between the two census dates, it does not affect the membership. It is recommended, therefore, that their membership remains the same for academic year 2016/17.
5. There are a number of vacancies which have yet to be recruited to as below. The Gedling vacancy has been advertised on the Schools Forum website but no nominations have been received.

Sector	Membership	Vacancies	Area
Maintained Primary	7	1	Gedling
Academy	6	1	
Governors	5	3	1 Academy, 1 Special 1 Other

6. It is recommended that the membership of the Schools Forum for the 2016/17 academic year is as set out in paragraph 3 above. It will be reviewed again in June 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Notes the content of the report.
- 2) Agrees to the membership as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.

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