

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 2017 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 2016 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 2015 census and has now been updated to reflect the latest data from the October 2016 census in the following table:

Sector	Number of Schools	October 2015 Census	%	Number of Schools	October 2016 Census	%
Primary – maintained	239	51,269	50	221	48,490	46
Secondary - maintained	5	3,897	4	4	3,144	3
Primary – academy	42	11,942	11	60	16,881	16
Secondary – academy	41	35,741	35	42	36,512	35
	327	102,849	100	327	105,027	100

4. The membership for maintained primary and academy members is based on a pupil population ratio and there has been a significant shift in the number of pupils between these sectors, between the two census dates, which affect the membership. It is recommended, therefore, that the membership is updated to reflect this change in 2017/18 as follows:

School and Academy membership (based on pupil population)

- 6 (7) maintained primary Head teachers
- 1 maintained secondary Head teacher
- 7 (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)
5. There are a number of vacancies which have yet to be recruited to as listed in the table below but there is not a maintained primary vacancy. In order to achieve the revised, lower, number of maintained primary members one of the current members will need to step down in the autumn term.

Sector	Current Membership	Vacancies	Area
Maintained Primary	7	0	
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 2017/18 academic year is as set out in paragraph 4 above. It will be reviewed again in June 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Schools Forum:

- 1) Notes the content of the report.
- 2) Agrees to the membership as set out in paragraph 4 of the report.
- 3) Considers a method by which to reduce the number of maintained primary members by one.

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