

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 (as amended) 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 September 2019 in line with the Schools Forum Constitution. The constitution is as detailed below:

School and Academy membership (based on pupil population)

- 5 maintained primary Head teachers
- 1 maintained secondary Head teacher
- 8 academy representatives
- 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 FE representative from a Nottinghamshire College
- 2 PVI early years providers
- 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 2018 census and has now been updated to reflect the latest data from the October 2019 census in the following table:

Sector	Number of Schools	October 2018 Census	%	Number of Schools	October 2019 Census	%
Primary – maintained	194	43,249	40	187	41,764	38.0
Secondary - maintained	2	1,901	2	1	711	0.7
Primary – academy	86	23,033	21	94	25,073	22.8
Secondary – academy	43	40,285	37	44	42,325	38.5
	325	108,527	100	326	109,873	100

4. The membership for maintained primary and academy members is based on a pupil population ratio and there has been a 2% shift in the number of pupils between these sectors, between the two census dates which does not affect the membership. It is recommended, therefore, that the membership remains the same as detailed in paragraph 2 for the academic year 2020/21.
5. There are currently five vacancies as shown in the table below:

Sector	Current Membership	Vacancies
Maintained Primary	5	
Maintained Secondary	1	
Academy representatives	8	2
Maintained Special	1	
Academy Special	1	
Governors	5	2
FE representative	1	
Early Years Providers	2	
Diocesan representatives	2	1
Trade Union representatives	2	
	28	5

6. It is recommended that the membership of the Schools Forum for the 2020/21 academic year is as set out in paragraph 2 above. No change is required to the Schools Forum Constitution and the membership will be reviewed again in September 2021.

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.

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