

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM 20th January 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Additional Representatives to Wirral Schools Forum Membership

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report identifies the need to increase the membership of the Schools' Forum to take account of the draft Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2009 with 2 schools' representatives and to include the Chair of the Wirral Governors Forum as a schools' representative.

1. Academies Representative

The Regulations state that where there is one or more academies situated in the authority's area there must be at least one Academies representative on the Schools Forum. As there is currently only one academy within the Wirral area this representative should be elected from the governing body of the Birkenhead high School Academy.

2. Nursery Representative

The Regulations state that where the authority maintains one or more nursery school, at least one schools' member must a representative of a nursery school. As there are 3 maintained nursery schools within Wirral the representative should be chosen from the head teachers or governors.

3. Wirral Governors Forum Representative

A request has been made to include the Chair of the Wirral Governors Forum as a Schools Member of Forum. This will improve the links with the Governor Forum and strengthen the governors' representation.

4. Revised Membership

The revised membership of the forum is shown on the attached list (appendix A).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Forum approves the increase the membership of the Wirral Schools' Forum by including an academy representative and a maintained nursery representative in accordance with the draft regulations.
2. The forum agrees that the Chair of the Wirral Governors Forum becomes a Schools representative on Wirral Schools Forum.

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