

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

### REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### Wirral Schools Forum Membership

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report informs the group of the current make up of the Schools Forum and the changes required to meet the Schools Forum Regulations.

#### 1. Current Representation

5	Primary Headteachers
5	Primary Governors
1	Secondary Headteachers
1	Secondary Governors
4	Academy Headteacher
3	Academy Governor
1	Special Headteacher
1	Special Governors
1	Nursery Representative
1	Wirral Governors Forum
<b>23</b>	<b>Total Schools Membership</b>
1	Non-teacher representative
1	Teacher representative
1	Catholic Diocese
1	Church of England Diocese
1	14- 19 Representative
2	PVI Early Years Providers
<b>7</b>	<b>Total Non-Schools Membership</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>

There are 2 new members included in the above:-

Primary Governor Representative – Matthew Brown, Great Meols Primary

Nursery Representative – Kathlyn Hughes, Leasowe Early Years

#### 2. Membership Renewal

The term of office for membership will shortly expire for the following groups:-

- 4 x Primary Headteacher representatives. This will be discussed at Primary Heads group
- 1 x Primary Governor representative – nomination/election required
- 2 x PVI Early Providers Representatives – nomination/election required
- 3 x Academy Governor representatives – see below
- 1 x Academy Headteacher Representative – see Below

### 3. Secondary and Academy Representation

We are required to follow Schools Forum Regulations which state that “primary schools, secondary schools and Academies must be broadly proportionately represented on the forum, having regard to the total number of pupils registered to them. “

The table below details the members in each school phase compared with the number of members required based on the above regulations. (This assumes Hilbre High School and Woodchurch High School convert over the summer.)

Phase	Existing Reps at Sept 12	Pupil Numbers (Jan 12 Census)	Expected Reps	Additional Required
Primary	6	23,989	10	4
Secondary	2	10,050	4	2
Academy	3	11,402	5	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45,441</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>

From September the 4 secondary members will be split equally between Headteachers and governors. As there is one secondary Headteacher and one secondary governor representative in place, this means the following is required:-

- 1 secondary Headteacher representative – to be discussed at WASH.
- 1 Secondary Governor representative – through nomination/election is required.

As noted above there are 4 academy members whose term of office ends before September 2012, which will leave 3 academy headteacher members in post. Academy members should be elected according to the Schools Forum Regulations:-

*6. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), Academies members must be elected to the schools forum by the governing bodies of the academies in the authority's area*

From September there will be 3 Academy Headteachers in place, with 2 vacancies. If membership is in line with secondary membership these 2 members should be Academy governor representatives and a nominations/election is required.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Forum agrees to the changes outlined in this report.

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