

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM – 14th January 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Wirral Schools Forum Membership

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates the Forum of changes in membership since the October 2014 meeting.

2. Background

The previous report in October identified a number of changes to membership as terms of office came to an end. It also described the changes required as school convert to academies.

3. Schools Forum Current Representation

The schools forum has 30 members made up as follows:-

Table 1

5	Primary Headteachers
5	Primary Governors
1	Secondary Headteachers
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1	Special Headteacher
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1	Nursery Representative
1	Pupil Referral Unit (EMAP)
16	Total Schools Membership
7	Academy Representatives
7	Total academy Membership
1	Non-teacher representative
1	Teacher representative
1	Catholic Diocese
1	Church of England Diocese
1	Further Education
2	PVI Early Years Providers
7	Total Non-Schools Membership
30	Total Membership

4. Changes to Membership

Primary Governor representatives – 2 positions

Nominations were requested from primary governors. Ken Frost and Lynn Ireland were re-elected onto the forum.

Academy Representatives – 2 positions

One nomination was received for Academy representation. Shaun McNamara (formally the non-teacher representative) was accepted as an academy member.

Kate Lee from Townfield Primary School has been appointed into the second vacancy (giving academy representation across all school phases in accordance with guidance).

Teacher Representative – 1 position

Ian Harris has recently been appointed through the Wirral Teachers Panel.

Non-teacher Representative – 1 position

Danny Stenhouse (representative), Pensby Federation, and Dominic Fitzpatrick (substitute), Orrets Meadow, were both nominated. Advice from the EFA was to have representative and a substitute, rather than hold an election.

Wirral Governors Forum – 1 position

The chair of the Wirral Schools Forum confirmed that the group do not want to take up a position on the forum, but will remain on the mailing list for agenda and minutes.

Secondary Governor Representative

Jane Gordon resigned from this post in October 2014. The first request for nominations has been unsuccessful, so a further request was sent out in December. Nominations are required by 16th January 2015.

Private, Voluntary and Independent Representative

Denise McDonald resigned from this post in December 2014. A request for nominations has been sent to all PVI settings. Nominations are required by 14th January 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Forum notes the report.

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