

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM - 20th October 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Wirral Schools Forum Membership

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises the representation on Schools Forum, and advises on terms of office, current vacancies and arrangements for electing new members.

2. 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
1	Secondary Governors
1	Special Headteacher
1	Special Governors
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

3. Membership changes

Regulations governing the forum requires school/academy membership to take account of pupil weighting. Table 2 below details the total pupils in each school phase and the required number of school and academy forum members. The current membership is in accordance with these ratios:-

Table 2

Phase	Pupil Numbers (Jan 2015 Census)	Forum Representatives
Primary	24,109	10
Secondary	5,772	2
Academy	16,309	7
Total	46,190	19

4. Schools Forum Terms of Office

Generally forum members are elected to serve a 4 year term of office. The table below identifies when the current terms of office expire.

	2012-2016	2013-2017	2014-2018	2015-2019	Vacancy	Total
Total Schools Membership						
Primary Headteachers	2		1	2		5
Primary Governors	2	1	2			5
Secondary Headteachers		1				1
Secondary Governors				1		1
Special Headteacher			1			1
Special Governors					1	1
Nursery Representative	1					1
Academy Pupil Referral Unit (EMAP)				1		1
Total Academy Membership						
Academy Representative	1	3	1	2		7
Total Non-Schools Membership						
Non-teacher representative				1		1
Teacher representative			1			1
Catholic Diocese				1		1
Church of England Diocese					1	1
Further Education	1					1
PVI Early Years Providers	1			1		2
	8	5	6	8	3	30

5. Arrangements to Elect New Members in 2015

There are currently 2 positions that are vacant as at 1st September 2015. The arrangements put in place are as follows:-

Special School Governor Representative

Nominations were requested, but there has been no response, so this will be re-issued shortly.

C of E Diocese Representative

This is currently being discussed at the Dioceses Headteacher meeting.

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The position of Chair and Vice Chair are currently vacant. Schools Forum Guidance recommends that a Chair should be in post for no more than 2 years. With this in mind it is suggested that the Forum operates on a similar model to the School Headteacher Groups where the Chair and Vice Chair are elected for 12 months, then the Vice Chair becomes Chair and a new Vice Chair is nominated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Forum notes the report.

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