

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM – 18th January 2017

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 Forum Working Groups.

2. Schools Forum Current Representation

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

Table 1

5	Primary Headteachers
5	Primary Governors (1 vacancy)
1	Secondary Headteachers
1	Secondary Governors
1	Special Headteacher
1	Special Governors
1	Nursery Representative
15	Total Schools Membership
7	Academy Representatives
1	Pupil Referral Unit (EMA)
8	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 Oct. 16 Census)	Forum Representatives
Primary	24752	10
Secondary	4139	2
Academy	17927	7
Total	46818	19

4. Schools Forum Terms of Office

Generally forum members are elected to serve a 4 year term of office. The table 3 identifies when the current terms of office expire.

Table 3		2013-2017	2014-2018	2015-2019	2016-2020	2017-2021	Total
Total Membership							
5	Primary Headteachers	1	1	2	1		5
5	Primary Governors		1		3		4
1	Secondary Headteachers				1		1
1	Secondary Governors			1			1
1	Special Headteacher				1		1
1	Special Governors			1			1
1	Nursery Representative				1		1
15	Total Schools Membership						
1	Academy Pupil Referral Unit (EMAP)				1		1
7	Academy Representative	3		2	1	1	7
8	Total Academy Membership						
1	Non-teacher representative				1		1
1	Teacher representative		1				1
1	Catholic Diocese			1			1
1	Church of England Diocese			1			1
1	Further Education					1	1
2	PVI Early Years Providers			1	1		2
7	Total Non-Schools Membership						
30	Total Membership	4	3	9	10	2	29

5. Changes to Membership

There is currently a primary governor vacancy. A number of requests have been made for primary governor reps and this will now be referred to Governors Forum.

There are 2 new members since the last report in September:-

- Tim Kelly, Primary Governor, Grove Street Primary School.
- Rebecca Mahoney, Academy Representative, Principal Birkenhead High School Academy

6. Forum Working Groups

Early Years Working Group

Jill Billinge (Chair)
 Simon Davies (PVI rep)
 Nicky Prance (PVI Rep)
 Michael Forber (Nursery Rep)
 Lynne Ireland (Primary Governor)

High Needs Working Group

Jill Billinge (Chair)

Deborah Marchant (Primary)

Steve Baker (Special)

Jane Goalen (PRU rep)

School Funding Formula Working Group

All representatives are invited to attend meetings

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Forum notes the report.

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