

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM – 5th July 2017

REPORT OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Wirral Schools Forum Membership

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises representation on the Schools Forum, and advises on terms of office, current vacancies and arrangements to increase academy places and reduce primary places due to academy conversions.

2. Schools Forum Current Representation

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

Table 1

| Total Membership | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 5 | Primary Headteachers |
| 5 | Primary Governors (3 vacancies) |
| 1 | Secondary Headteachers |
| 1 | Secondary Governors |
| 1 | Special Headteacher |
| 1 | Special Governors |
| 1 | Nursery Representative |
| 15 | Total Schools Membership |
| | Academy Pupil Referral Unit (EMAP) |
| 1 | |
| 7 | Academy Representative |
| 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 based on January 2017 census, but taking account of the latest academy conversions in June 2017. The current membership requires a change in accordance with these ratios, reducing primary to 9 places and increasing academy representation to 8 places:-

Table 2

| Phase | Current Representation | Pupil Numbers (Jan 17 Census) | New Forum Representatives |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Primary | 10 | 23,311 | 9 |
| Secondary | 2 | 4,128 | 2 |
| Academy | 7 | 19,333 | 8 |
| Total | 19 | 46,772 | 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.

| | | 2013-2017 | 2014-2018 | 2015-2019 | 2016-2020 | 2017-2021 | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Membership | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Primary Headteachers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 5 |
| 5 | Primary Governors | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 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 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 28 |

5.Changes to Membership

There are currently a 2 primary governor vacancies. This report recommends that 1 vacancy becomes an academy role and is offered in the first instance to the primary academy schools. Although there is no requirement for a primary/secondary split for academy representation there are no representatives from the primary academies. The other primary governor vacancy will be re-advertised shortly

There are 3 terms of office due for renewal at the end of August and one at the end of November.

- Colleen Hibbard will replace Deborah Marchant as a primary Headteacher (Wallasey) representative.
- The 3 academy posts will be advertised shortly The existing members will be able to re-apply.

There has been two new members since the last report in January 2017, as follows:-

- Primary Headteacher Representative (Beb/Brom) – Viv Woods, St Andrews CE Primary School
- Primary Governor Representative – David Spencer, Governor of Pensby Primary School

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) - Leaves August 2017
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 and agrees to change a vacant Primary governor role to an academy role, giving first preference to the primary academy schools.

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