

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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

#### Forum Membership and Early Years Representation

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks the views of the Forum to increase the Early Year representation from 3 (1 nursery rep and 2 PVI reps) to 5 (1 Nursery Rep and 4 PVI reps) and to consider any other changes required.

#### Current Representation

Schools Forum regulations require school and academy representation to be at least 2/3rds of total membership. There are currently 23 reps accounting for 3/4s of full membership.

Total Membership	
5	Primary Headteachers
5	Primary Governors
1	Secondary Headteachers
1	Secondary Governors
1	Special Headteacher
1	Special Governors
1	Nursery Representative
1	Academy Pupil Referral Unit (EMA)
7	Academy Representative
<b>23</b>	<b>Total School and Academy Members</b>
1	Non-teacher representative
1	Teacher representative
1	Catholic Diocese
1	Church of England Diocese
1	Further Education
2	PVI Early Years Providers
<b>7</b>	<b>Total Non-Schools Membership</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>

With 23 school and academy reps the maximum permitted for non schools would be 11, which is 4 more than currently offered. Guidance indicates the LA should appoint at least 1 person to represent Early Years PVI providers.

It is intended that non-school representatives should come from a range of stakeholders and partners. These include appropriate faith groups, SEN providers, post 16, professional associations and TU's and representatives of youth groups.

#### Increasing the Early Years Membership

The Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector within Early Years have requested that their membership on the Forum is increased by 2 to 4 places. This change would give the opportunity to more broadly reflect views and the growth in provision. If agreed membership would continue to be managed by the group as currently and one post would be held by the chair of Wirral's National Day Nursery Association.

**Other School Forum Members**

On the basis of the above there are a further 2 places that could be offered to partners. Members' views are requested on any further changes to be considered

**Recommendation**

That Forum approves the changes described to Early Years PVI representation.

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