

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

### WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

##### Forum Membership Review

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### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report describes the current representation of the Forum and membership changes.

### 1.2 Current Representation

The table below details the current makeup of the Wirral Schools' Forum representation and when the terms of office are due to expire.

Total Membership	Role	2019-2023	2020-2024	2021-2025	2022-2026	2023-2027	Total
5	Primary Headteachers		1	2	2		5
4	Primary Governors	1		2	1		4
1	Secondary Headteachers		1				1
1	Special Headteacher				1		1
1	Special Governors					1	1
1	Nursery Representative				1		1
<b>13</b>	<b>Total Schools Membership</b>						<b>0</b>
9	Academy Representative	2		4	1		7
<b>9</b>	<b>Total Academy Membership</b>						<b>0</b>
1	Non-teacher representative			1			1
1	Teacher representative	1					1
1	Catholic Diocese			1			1
1	Church of England Diocese			1			1
1	16-19 representative						0
3	PVI Early Years Providers			3			3
<b>8</b>	<b>Total Non-Schools Membership</b>						<b>0</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>

1.3 There are currently 2 Academy vacancies, with one temporarily being filled by Lisa Ayling. A request has been sent out, but at the time of writing the report, no nominations had been received.

1.4 There is currently still a vacancy for the 16-19 representative.

1.5 There are several terms of office that are coming to an end over the next few months. These members will be contacted, and processes put in place to fill any vacancies that may arise.

## 1.5 New Members

There has been three new members since the January report, as follows: -

**Jon Lawrence**, Headteacher of Heswall Primary School as the Primary Representative replacing Emma Johnson.

**Paula Wareing**, Headteacher of Meadowside School as the Special Governor Representative.

**Emma Johnson**, Headteacher of Greasby Junior School as the Academy Representative.

Appendix 1 identifies all current members and their role on School's Forum.

## 1.6 Membership Changes

Regulations governing the forum requires school/academy membership to take account of pupil weighting.

Current		Pupil no's Jan 23 Census	Expected	
9	Primary	21,263	44.2%	8.4
1	Secondary	3,842	8.0%	1.5
9	Academy	22,975	47.8%	9.1
<b>19.0</b>		<b>48,080</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19.0</b>

- 1.7 As the primary schools are converting to academy, this reduces the membership of maintained primary schools to 8 but increases the maintained secondary schools back up to 2. The regulations allow for flexibility during periods of change so it would be reasonable to keep 9 primary members until August 2023 when a term of office for a primary governor comes to an end. Further discussion is required concerning the increase in secondary membership as this may be reduced if any maintained secondary schools convert to academy.

## 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Forum notes the report.

2.2 As schools continue to convert to academy, the membership split between primary, secondary and academy will need to be monitored closely.

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## Appendix 1

Group	Name	Category of Membership	School/Establishment	Term of Office	
Schools	Andy Ramsden	Primary Headteacher (Birkenhead S)	Oxton St Saviours	Sep-20	Aug-24
Schools	Sue Ralph	Primary Headteacher (Birkenhead N)	St Michael & All Angels	Sep-21	Aug-25
Schools	John McDonald	Primary Headteacher	St Albans Primary	Sep-21	Sep-25
Schools	Jon Lawrenson	Primary Headteacher	Heswall Primary	Jan-23	Dec-26
Schools	Chris Mervyn	Primary Headteacher	Brackenwood Infants	May-22	Apr-26
Schools	Charlotte Scott	Primary Governor	St Georges Primary	Aug-21	Jul-25
Schools	Shaun Allen	Primary Governor	Raeburn Avenue	Nov-22	Oct-26
Schools	Julie Merry	Primary Governor	Overchurch Infants/Cathcart	Jan-21	Dec-24
Schools	Tony Norbury	Primary Governor	Prenton Primary	Sep-19	Aug-23
Schools	Simon Goodwin	Secondary Headteacher	South Wirral High	Sep-20	Aug-24
Schools	Margaret Morris	Special Headteacher	Elleray Park	Nov-22	Oct-26
Schools	Paula Waring	Special Governor	Meadowside School	Feb-23	Jan-27
Schools	Kathryn Kennedy	Nursery Representative	Ganneys Meadow	Mar-22	Feb-26
Academy	Moira Loftus	Academy Rep	Townfield Primary	Jun-21	May-25
Academy	Adrian Whiteley	Academy Rep (Chair)	St Anselms	Aug-19	Jul-23
Academy	Helen Johnson	Academy Rep	The Birkenhead Park School	Sep-21	Aug-25
Academy	Emma Johnson	Academy Rep	Greasby Junior	Jan-23	Dec-26
Academy	Mark Bellamy	Academy Rep	Hilbre High School	Sep-21	Aug-25
Academy	Vacancy	Academy Rep			
Academy	Jon Bush	Academy Rep	Oldershaw Academy	Dec-21	Nov-25
Academy	Geraldine Fraser	Academy Rep	Prenton High School for Girls	Oct-19	Sep-23
Academy	Lisa Ayling (Temp)	Academy Rep	Lisa Ayling (Temp)	Nov-19	
Non-Schools	Gill Harris	Non-teacher representative	Wirral Unison	May-21	Apr-25
Non-Schools	Anne Rycroft	Teacher representative	NASUWT	Aug-19	Jul-23
Non-Schools	Joanne Proctor	Catholic Diocese	Christ the King	Sep-21	Aug-25
Non-Schools	Brian McGregor	Church of England Diocese	Woochurch CE Primary	Sep-21	Aug-25
Non-Schools	Vacancy	16-19 Provider			
Non-Schools	Nicky France	PVI Early Years Providers	Barnston Buddies	Jan-21	Dec-23
Non-Schools	Simon Davies	PVI Early Years Providers	Penguins Nurseries	Jan-21	Dec-23
Non-Schools	Jessica Trigg	PVI Early Years Providers	The Mulberry Tree	Oct-21	Sep-25