

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' FORUM 26<sup>th</sup> September 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.

Membership	Role	2019-2023	2020-2024	2021-2025	2022-2026	2023-2027	Total
5	Primary Headteachers		1	2	1	1	5
4	Primary Governors			2	1		3
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>12</b>
9	Academy Representative	2		4	3		9
<b>9</b>	<b>Total Academy Membership</b>						<b>9</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>7</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>

1.4 There are currently 2 vacancies:

- 1 x vacancy for 16-19 representative
- 1 x vacancy for Primary Governor

These vacancies will be followed up and expression of interest will be sent out

## 1.5 New Members

There has been four new members since the June report, as follows: -

**Kate Ball**, Headteacher of Brookdale Primary School as the Primary Headteacher Representative replacing Jon Lawrence

**Luci Jones**, CFO of Cheshire Academies Trust as the Academy Representative.

**Carys Wynn-Green**, CFO of Concordia Multi Academy Trust as the Academy Representative replacing Lisa Ayling (temp)

**Adrian Whiteley**, term of office came to an end, so applied again for academy representative.

**Michael Farraelly**, replaces Anne Rycroft as the Teacher 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 and 1 secondary member as we await more academy conversions later in the year.

## 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 (Wallasey)	St Albans Primary	Sep-21	Sep-25
Schools	Kate Ball	Primary Headteacher (Deeside)	Heswall Primary	Sep-23	Aug-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	Vacancy	Primary Governor			
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	Sep-23	Aug-27
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	Luci Jones	Academy Rep	Cheshire Academies Trust (Gayt	Sep-23	Aug-26
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	Carys Wynn-Green	Academy Rep	Concordia	Sep-23	Aug-26
Non-Schools	Gill Harris	Non-teacher representative	Wirral Unison	May-21	Apr-25
Non-Schools	Michael Farraelly	Teacher representative	NASUWT	Sep-23	Aug-26
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 Prance	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