



SCHOOLS FORUM

Membership Update

12 June 2017

Content Applicable to;		School Phase;	
Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools	X	Pre School	
Academies	X	Foundation Stage	
PVI Settings		Primary	X
Special Schools / Academies		Secondary	X
Local Authority		Post 16	
		High Needs	

Purpose of Report

Content Requires;		By;	
Noting	X	Maintained Primary School Members	
Decision		Maintained Secondary School Members	
		Maintained Special School Members	
		Academy Members	
		All Schools Forum	X

1. This report sets out actions arising as a result of current membership reaching their term.

Recommendations

2. That Schools Forum Members take the necessary actions with their constituent groups to secure the appropriate membership from September 2017.

Background

3. The current Schools Forum membership is shown at Appendix 1. Schools Forum members are either elected or appointed for a four year term of office. For 6 members the term of office expired in September 2016;

Jean Lewis	Primary Academy Governor
David Thomas	Primary Academy Governor
Heather Hall	Primary Maintained Headteacher
Karen Allen	Primary Maintained Headteacher
Tony Gelsthorpe	Primary Maintained Governor
Sonia Singleton	Secondary Academy Governor

Given the uncertainty surrounding the introduction of a national funding formula and the role of the Schools Forum within it, Schools Forum agreed that rolling forward membership would be appropriate.

4. The proposals for the National Funding Formula issued by the DfE in March 2016 do not set out any change in function for the Schools Forum and simply states its role would need to be reviewed. Any change in direction from the new governments can't be determined but any immediate change to the role of the School Forum would require a change in primary legislation which would suggest that in the immediate future there will be no change of role.
5. A further membership – Nigel Leigh representing Post 16 Providers reaches its term in October 2017.
6. The following actions need to be taken to update membership as it would not be appropriate to automatically roll membership forward a second time;
 - The Association of Leicestershire Governors will be requested to elect two new academy governors and one maintained school governor whose term of office will commence in September 2017.
 - Leicestershire Primary Heads will be requested to elect two maintained school headteachers whose term of office will commence in September 2017.
 - Leicestershire Secondary Heads will be requested to elect one academy headteacher whose term of office will commence in September 2017.
 - Post 16 providers will be contacted to nominate a member whose term of office will commence in October 2017.
7. One vacancy continues to be present for a Special School Academy Member. Leicestershire Special School Heads are aware of this but feel that one member can adequately represent maintained schools and academies.
8. One vacancy continues to be present for a secondary academy governor. Leicestershire Secondary Heads will be contacted and requested to elect to elect to this membership.
9. Members cease to be eligible for membership if they are no longer able to represent their group e.g. a member has been elected to represent maintained schools and the school in which they perform that role converts to academy status. Members with a term of office that extends past September 2017 are asked to confirm to the Schools Forum Clerk that they remain eligible. Further elections / nominations will be necessary if embers are no longer eligible.
10. For School Members Schools Forum membership is required to be proportional to the number of pupils at each school phase and pupils at maintained schools and academies. No rebalancing of membership is necessary in respect of this for 2017/18 membership.
11. The next meeting of the Schools Forum is 25 September 2017 at which a new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected.

Resource Implications

12. No financial implications arise directly from this report.

Equal Opportunity Issues

13. The election of members in accordance with the Schools Forum constitution will ensure those with an interest in the business of Schools Forum the opportunity to represent the views of their provider group.

Background Papers

Report to Schools Forum – 5 October 2016, Membership Update

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1018&MId=4785&Ver=4>

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