

**LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**

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**SCHOOLS FORUM CONSTITUTION**

**Purpose of this Report**

1. This report presents the revised Schools Forum Constitution amended to ensure compliance with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012 and to ensure that membership is proportional pupil numbers in each school phase and between maintained schools and Academies.

**Recommendations**

2. That Schools Forum notes the revised constitution.

**Background**

3. The Schools Forum (England) Regulations make a number of changes to membership and operation of Schools Forums, these can be summarised as;
  - Membership changes which require membership of a Pupil Referral Unit representative
  - A reduction in the minimum size for School Forums
  - Proportionate representation according to pupil numbers
  - Limit to the number of local authority officers able to attend meetings
  - The granting of observer status for the Education Funding Agency (EFA)
  - Restricting voting to changes on the school funding formula to schools members. Schools members are defined as being mainstream schools, academies, special schools, PRU's and PVI members)
  - The requirement for Schools Forum meetings to be held in public

**The Leicestershire Constitution**

4. The revised constitution is attached as an appendix to this report. In addition to ensuring compliance with the new regulations two further changes have been enacted.
  - 1) The limit on participation of non-members result in Trade Unions, through the Joint Consultative Committee are admitted as a non-schools member.
  - 2) Given the disbanding of the 13 -19 Partnership representation has been removed.
  - 3) The constitution does not define a split of membership for academies between headteachers and governors

## **Conclusions**

5. The changes ensure that the Leicestershire Schools Forum constitution reflects new regulations and guidance but also the significantly changed proportion of schools converted to academies.
6. Whilst the rate of school conversion to academies has been estimated in order to implement these changes, further conversions will result in future amendments which will be completed annually in September as agreed by the County Council's Cabinet on July 26 2011.

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