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Dear Jenny,

We exchanged correspondence last year about the constitution of the Schools' Forum and expressed a wish to be involved in discussions about the re-constitution which will be required this September.

Last year the Association remained responsible for electing the governor representatives from maintained schools, but not those of academies. We do not know how academy governors were elected (or even if they were elected) or indeed how the balance between heads and governors was determined.

The Association continues to represent all governors in the County whether in academies or maintained schools and is keen to see the original balance between heads and governors maintained on Schools' Forum. We recognise that the past year has been one of transition and expediency; due process was not always possible.

We recognise the current constitution shows academy representatives to be "elected via Leicestershire academies". The Schools Forum Regulations are more specific that the representatives must be elected by the proprietors of the academies in the area. The regulations do not define "proprietor" but, using the common meaning of owner, it is reasonable to deduce that the members of each academy trust are the closest to the definition in the Regulations. As most academy trust members are governors, we would like the opportunity to influence the balance of Forum between heads and governors and organise elections for academy governors. We are not aware of any other representative body which has more relevant claims, if you think there is one please let us know.

There may well be other associated issues regarding the re-constitution of Forum and we'd welcome the opportunity to be involved in the discussions. We have a meeting arranged

with Ian Knight and GDS on Tuesday 4th June at 9.30am. If it were convenient for you we could meet after that meeting at about 11.00am.

We look forward to working with you to produce a meaningful outcome and I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Bosworth
Chairman ALG