

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Agenda Item No: 7 (p)

**CABINET****14 September 2017****Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services****Mainstream Schools' Membership of the Schools Forum – (Young People)****1. Purpose of the Report**

To seek approval to revise the membership of the School Forum.

**2. Information and Analysis**

The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) which govern the operation of the Schools Forum require that the membership of the Forum is reviewed periodically to ensure that the allocation of mainstream school places between maintained schools and academies remains broadly representative of the position within each local authority. The current membership of the Schools Forum is shown in the table below.

	<b>Head</b>	<b>Governors</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Primary	6	6	-	12
Secondary	3	3	-	6
Academy*	*	*	*4	*4
<b>Sub Tot – Mainstream places</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>
Nursery	1	1	-	2
Special	1	1	-	2
Support centres	-	-	1	1
<b>Sub Tot – School places</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>
Diocesan	-	-	2	2
Unions	-	-	4	4
16-19	-	-	1	1
Non-maintained early years	-	-	2	2
<b>Sub Tot – Non-school places</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>*14</b>	<b>*36</b>

\* Academy representation is across phases

The school places must be at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the Membership, (Derbyshire has 3/4.) In addition, there are “observer” places on the Forum for LA Elected Members, the Parent Partnership and the Education Funding Agency.

An analysis of the October 2016 school census data, updated to reflect the expected changes in the status of schools, results in the following analysis.

Phase	Sector	Numbers On Roll (pre/post 16)	% of total	Pro rata places	Pro rata places (rounded)
Primary	Maintained	51,669	49.7%	10.94	11.00
Secondary	Maintained	19,648	18.9%	4.16	4.00
Primary/Secondary	Academy	32,565	31.4%	6.90	7.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>103,882</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>22.00</b>

Comparing the above revised pro rata split of places with the current distribution gives the following outcome.

Sector	Current	Revised	Change
LA Maintained Primary - Head	6	6	0
LA Maintained Primary - Governor	6	5	-1
LA Maintained Secondary - Head	3	2	-1
LA Maintained Secondary - Governor	3	2	-1
Academy	4	7	+3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>

The Forum's Constitution, which defines the Membership and operation of the Forum, is a matter for the County Council. The Schools Forum was asked for its views on the changes at its meeting on 22 June 2017 and no objections were raised.

It is therefore proposed that the above changes to the representation of schools and academies be implemented and the Forum's Constitution amended accordingly.

### **3. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, legal & human rights, environmental, financial, social value, health, property and transport considerations.

### **4. Background Papers**

Papers held in Children's Services Finance.

### **5. Officer's Recommendation**

Cabinet is asked to approve the changes to the Forum's membership and Constitution as set out in the report.

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