

SCHOOLS FORUM**22nd June 2017****Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services****Mainstream Schools' Membership of the Schools Forum****1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform the School Forum of the need to update its membership.

2. Information and Analysis

The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 which govern the operation of the Schools Forum require that the membership of the Forum is reviewed periodically to ensure that the balance 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.

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

* Academy representation is across phases

The school places must be at least 2/3rds 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 status of schools from September 2017, results in the following analysis.

Phase	Sector	NOR (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
TOTAL		103,882	100.00%	22.00	22.00

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

Sector	Current	Revised	Change	Notes
Primary	12	11	-1	We have one head & one governor vacancy, need to determine which one to delete.
Secondary	6	4	-2	We have two vacancies following Heritage and Pingle conversions
Academy	4	7	+3	-
TOTAL	22	22	0	

The Forum's Constitution, which defines the Membership and operation of the Forum, is a matter for the Council and a paper proposing changes in line with this report is expected to be presented to Cabinet in September 2017. It is hoped that the changes can be made to the Membership in time for the Forum's October 2017 meeting.

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, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Background Papers

Papers held in Children's Services Finance.

5. Officer's Recommendation

Schools Forum is asked to note the proposed changes to the Forum's membership and offer any views.

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