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The Children and Young People's Service**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 12 July 2018****Report Title: Schools Forum Membership and Constitution****Authors:** Carolyn Banks, Clerk to the Forum

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Purpose: To review the membership of the Forum.**Recommendations:**

1. That the current membership of the Forum be retained for a further two years and the constitution be amended accordingly.
2. That there be no change to the allocation of places for Academy representatives for the Academic year 2018/19.
3. To note the number of governor vacancies and the responsibility of the Haringey Governors Association for submitting nominations for these places.

1. Report.

1.1 Membership

The current three year period of office for Forum Members comes to an end in September 2018.

- 1.2 In accordance with the Constitution, a re- election process should commence following this meeting. However in view of the unknown future of the Forum post 2020 it is suggested that the current membership be retained for a further two years. Also based on decisions made the Forum has always opted to maintain its status quo. This still leaves the option for individual members to resign and replacements found as required.
- 1.3 Further to a triannual review the Forum has previously agreed to annually consider its membership by reviewing the number of Academy members ensuring that the allocation of places to the schools representatives is proportionately represented, having regard to the total number of pupils in attendance in the various settings. This will continue to take place.
- 1.4 The attached appendix sets out the number and proportion of pupils in attendance across the school settings and phases. This indicates that in accordance with the October 2017 census data 6,796 pupils attend secondary Academies compared with 5,460 attending community secondary schools. The primary phase shows that 3221 pupils attend primary academies compared with 18393 attending community primary schools. The resulting increase in the number of pupils attending secondary academies arising from the conversion of Dukes Aldridge is not quite sufficient to vary the allocation of places for secondary headteachers from the current equal number of places on the Forum for Academies and community schools. Similarly the number of primary places on the Forum should remain unchanged at 7 places for primary maintained schools and 1 place for a primary academy representative.
- 1.5 As well as the term of office coming to an end, a member ceases to be a member of the Schools Forum if he or she no longer occupies the office by which he or she became eligible for election, selection or appointment to the Schools Forum. There are currently vacancies for a primary maintained governor, a secondary maintained school governor, one primary academy governor and one secondary academy governors. The Haringey Governors Association are responsible for nominating governors for filling these places.

2. Future of the Forum

- 2.1 At present there remains a continuing role for the schools' forums in 2018-19 and 2019-20 in carrying out their current role of advising on the school's budget and the local formula, and making decisions about what spending can be held centrally in relation to schools. However, when the expected 'hard formula' for schools comes in 2020-21, the Forum's role will change substantially. The DfE has indicated that in advance of introducing the 'hard formula', they will carry out a review from first principles of the role, functions and membership of schools' forums.