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The Children and Young People's Service**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 17 October 2019****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 one year.
2. That there be no change to the allocation of places for Academy representatives for the Academic year 2019/20 in terms of the Headteacher places in either the primary or the secondary sector.
3. That the number of places for governors from Academies in the secondary sector be increased from 2 to 3 places and the number of places for governors from the maintained secondary sector be decreased from 3 to 2 places.

1. Report.

Membership

- 1.1 At the Forum's meeting last year members agreed to retain the current membership for two years up to July 2020.
- 1.2 There still remains the annual review of the number of pupils to ensure that school members from primary schools, secondary schools and academies are broadly proportionately represented on schools forum, based on the total number of pupils registered attending them.
- 1.3 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 January 2019 census data 7,993 pupils attend secondary Academies compared with 6,297 attending community secondary schools. The primary phase shows that 3,371 pupils attend primary academies compared with 19,821 attending community primary schools.
- 1.4 In terms of the representatives from secondary schools headteacher places retaining the current split of 2 places to academy schools and two for community secondary schools is broadly in proportion with the number of pupils attending each category. Similarly, the number of primary headteacher places on the Forum should remain unchanged at seven places for primary maintained schools and 1 place for a primary academy representative. However according to pupil attendance the number of places for the governors from the Academy secondary sector should be increased from 2 to 3 and the number of places allocated to community secondary schools reduced from 3 to 2. The number of governor places from the primary sector should remain the same at seven from the maintained sector and one from the Academy sector.
- 1.5 Historically it has proven difficult to fill governor positions from Academy schools and at present there is still a vacancy for a secondary academy governor. Further endeavours will be needed to fill the vacancies.

2. Future of the Forum

- 2.1 The operational guide from the ESFA issued in December 2018 confirmed that local authorities will continue to determine local formulas in 2020 to 2021. Therefore, there remains a continuing role for schools' forums. However, when the 'hard formula' does come in 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.