

**Agenda Item**

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The Children and Young People's Service**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 25 June 2020****Report Status**

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

1. Retain the current membership of the Forum pending the implementation of National Funding Formula.
2. That the Haringey Governors Association be requested to take action to fill the outstanding vacancies particularly those for Secondary academy governor places.

1. Report.

1.1 Membership

The Forum's membership was agreed until 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 A sets out the number and proportion of pupils in attendance across the school settings and phases. This indicates that in accordance with the January 2020 census data 8,449 pupils attend secondary academies compared with 6,512 attending maintained secondary schools. The primary phase shows that 3,114 pupils attend primary academies compared with 19,825 attending maintained primary maintained schools. In terms of the representatives from secondary schools headteacher places retaining the current split of two places to academies and two for maintained 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 one place for a primary academy representative. Also, the number of governor places on the forum from the secondary and primary sector remains the same at three for secondary academies, two for maintained secondary, seven for maintained primary and one from academy primary

- 1.4 Review at a later date of the EY membership, currently one headteacher and one governor.

- 1.5 Historically it has proven difficult to fill governor positions and at present there are two maintained primary, two maintained secondary, two secondary academy and one primary academy vacancies. It is suggested that Haringey Governor association continue to actively fill these 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.