



**Agenda Item
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The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools Forum: 14th July 2022

Report Status

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For decision

Report Title: Schools Forum Membership and Terms of Reference

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Purpose: To review the membership and Terms of Reference of the Forum

Recommendations:

1. Agree the allocation of Schools Forum places based on the proportion of pupil places in schools at the January 2022 Census.
2. Adopt the existing Terms of Reference for the 2022/23 academic year.

Report

1. Membership

- 1.1 At the October 2021 Schools Forum Meeting, the Forum's membership was agreed upon until July 2022. The pupil numbers across Haringey from the January 2021 census were used to agree revision to Forum membership for 2021/22.
- 1.2 There is still a requirement for the annual review of the number of pupils to ensure that School Forum membership is proportionately representative of pupil numbers, encompassing maintained and academy across Special, Alternative Provision, Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools, based on the total number of pupils registered as on roll.
- 1.3 The January 2022 census data has been used to inform this report. Although there has been a small reduction of pupils on roll overall since the January 2021 census data, this has not affected the proportional representation of School Forum membership for 2022/23. **Therefore this report recommends retaining the number and proportion of School Forum places as per 2021/22.**
- 1.4 Table A below sets out the number and proportion of pupils attendance across the school settings and phases. The full, setting-by-setting, January 2022 detail can be found in Appendix A.
- A general summary of the January 2022 census data shows:
- a total of 38,365 pupils were on roll in Haringey schools (38,547 Jan '21)
 - 8,211 pupils on roll at Secondary Academy schools (8,985 Jan '21)
 - 6,664 pupils on roll at Maintained Secondary schools (6576 Jan '21)
 - 3,291 pupils on roll at Primary Academy schools (3,463 Jan '21)
 - 17,814 pupils on roll at Primary Maintained schools (18,448 Jan '21)

Table A

Membership category	No of pupils	Places on Schools Forum
School Members		
Special Maintained	413	Percentage allocation 1% 1 x Headteacher place 1 x Governor place
Special Academy	109	
Nursery	461	Percentage allocation 1% 1 x Headteacher place 1 x Governor place

Primary Maintained	17,814	Percentage allocation 47% 7 x Headteacher places 7 x Governor places
Primary Academy (Incl. Harris Tottenham all though Primary places)	3,291	Percentage allocation 9% 1 x Headteacher place 1 x Governor place
Secondary Maintained	6,664	Percentage allocation 17% 2 x Headteacher places 2 x Governor places
Secondary Academy (Incl. Harris Tottenham all through Secondary places)	8,211	Percentage allocation 23% 3 x Headteacher places 3 x Governor places
Alternative provision	207	Percentage allocation 1% 1 x Executive Headteacher place 1 x Management Committee place
Total school places	38,365	32
Non School Members		
Non-Executive Councillor	N/A	1 x Place
Trade Union Representative	N/A	1 x Place
Professional Association Representative	N/A	1 x Place
Faith Schools	N/A	1 x Place
14-19 Partnership	N/A	1 x Place
Early Years Providers	N/A	1 x Place
Total Non-School member places		6
School members and non-school members combined total		38

2. Terms of Reference / Future of Schools Forum

- 2.1 The current terms of reference for Schools Forum can be found on the Haringey Council website and in Appendix B. With no proposed changes to Forum membership (See 1.3), the existing ToR approved in 2021/22 is recommended for re-adoption.
- 2.2 The Government set out a consultation entitled “Fair school funding for all: completing our reforms to the National Funding Formula” between July-September 2021. Within this consultation it outlined in Annex B (pages 55-57) its proposed changes to schools forum responsibilities. The Government published its response to this consultation in March 2022. Within the response there were no definitive decisions that would at this stage require changes to the current ToR. The following is the concluding paragraph in the response:

“While the move to a direct NFF would mean that the role of schools forums will change, we expect that they will continue to play an important part in local decision making and stakeholder engagement. Our proposed reforms do not, for example, have an impact on schools forums’ existing roles in relation to early years funding or de-delegation. We also plan to review how schools forums engage with high needs funding issues, following the SEND Review.”

Depending on what the Government publish, and then pass through into law, as they proceed with transitioning towards implementing the National Funding Formula may require Forum to revisit any changes to responsibilities and therefore the Terms of Reference.