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

**Report to Haringey Schools' Forum: 3 July 2025**

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**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 2025 Census.
2. Adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the 2025/26 academic year, with possible review going forward due to the impact of some long-term vacancies.

Report

1. Membership

- 1.1 At the October 2024 Schools Forum Meeting, the Forum’s membership was agreed upon until July 2025. The pupil numbers across Haringey from the January 2024 census were used to agree revision to Forum membership for 2024/25.
- 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 2025 census data has been used to inform this report. There has been a small reduction of pupils on roll overall since the January 2024 census data, with some changes in pupil populations. Whilst the number of children on roll in Alternative Provision is stable, there is also significant outreach work completed, which is not reflected in this figure.

**This report recommends amending the number of primary representatives to better reflect the number and proportion of School Forum places as follows:**

2024-25 Primary representatives	2025-26 Primary representatives
7 Headteachers and 7 Governors	6 Headteachers and 6 Governors
1 Headteacher and 1 Governor	2 Headteachers and 2 Governors

**Following discussion with the Chair, I would advise there is a review of the long-term vacancies on Schools’ Forum and discussion of their impact.**

- 1.4 Table A, below, sets out the number and proportion of pupils’ attendance across the school settings and phases.
- A general summary of the January 2025 census data shows:
- a total of 37,394 pupils were on roll in Haringey schools (37,996 Jan 2024)
  - 8671 pupils on roll at Secondary Academy schools (8,708 Jan 2024)
  - 6,277 pupils on roll at Maintained Secondary schools (6,497 Jan 2024)
  - 4,375 pupils on roll at Primary Academy and Free schools (4,386 Jan 2024)
  - 16,902 pupils on roll at Primary Maintained schools (17,281 Jan 2024)

**Table A**

Membership category	No of pupils	Places on Schools Forum
<b>School Members</b>		
Special Maintained	513 (470 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 1.4% 1 x Headteacher place 1 x Governor place
Special Academy and Free	147 (128 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 0.4%

Nursery	392 (419 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 1% 1 x Headteacher place 1 x Governor place
Primary Maintained	16,902 (17,281 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 45% <b>6 x Headteacher places</b> <b>6 x Governor places</b>
Primary Academy and Free (Incl. Harris Tottenham all though Primary places)	4375 (4386 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 12% <b>2 x Headteacher places</b> <b>2 x Governor places</b>
Secondary Maintained	6,277 (6,497 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 17% 2 x Headteacher places 2 x Governor places
Secondary Academy (Incl. Harris Tottenham all through Secondary places)	8671 (8,708 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 23% 3 x Headteacher places 3 x Governor places
Alternative provision	117 (107 Jan 2024)	Percentage allocation 0.3% 1 x Executive Headteacher place 1 x Management Committee place
<b>Total school places</b>	<b>37394</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Non School Members</b>		
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
Independent chair	N/A	1 x place
<b>Total Non-School member places</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>School members and non-school members combined total</b>		<b>39</b>

## 2. Terms of Reference / Future of Schools Forum

- 2.1 The current terms of reference for Schools Forum can be found in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The amendments suggested to the Terms of Reference are indicated in red to reflect the recommendations in 1.3