



Haringey Council

The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 8th December 2011

Agenda Item

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Report Title: Membership of Schools Forum

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Purpose: To consider the position of Academy membership of the Forum

Recommendations:

1. That that the primary sector remains unchanged, the secondary sector lose one representative and the academy sector gain one.
2. That the Academy sector be requested to determine their election procedure including how the places will be split between governor representation and school staff.
3. That the required amendments be made to the Forum's Constitution as appropriate.

1. Academy Membership.

- 1.1. Attention has been drawn to the fact that currently one of the Secondary School Governor places under the Schools block is filled by a representative from Alexandra Park School. The Forum will be aware Alexandra Park has recently converted to an Academy and that Woodside School will be doing so soon.
- 1.2. Since the Forum's constitution states that Members of the Forum will cease to become members if they no longer occupy the office which they were nominated to represent, then the representative from Alexandra Park can no longer fill one of the places specifically for Secondary School Governors. They should however be considered for the place specifically for an Academy representative.
- 1.3. The School Forums Regulations 2010 state that an authority may determine the size and composition of their schools forum and the forum members' terms of office. With regard to Academy membership if there are any Academies in the authority's area, at least one Academies member must be elected or selected.
- 1.4. Schools members and Academies members must together comprise at least two thirds of the membership of the forum. Also primary schools, secondary schools and Academies must be broadly proportionately represented on the forum, having regard to the total number of pupils registered at them. Furthermore an authority may determine that the number of members representing schools in a particular school category must be broadly proportionate to the total number of schools in that category when compared with the total number of schools maintained by the authority. Appendix A shows an analysis of pupil numbers based on last January's Plasc for our schools and information supplied by Greig. Representatives from childrens centres and special schools have been excluded. Based on this there is a loss of one representative from secondary schools and a gain of one by the academy sector. Woodside's figures don't significantly alter the balance.
- 1.5. At present there are 34 members on the Schools Forum made up of 26 school members, an academy member and 7 non schools members. The 26 School Members represent 76% of the total, with 7 non school members representing 21% and 1 Academy member representing 3%. All term of office is 3 years, currently ending Sept 2012.
- 1.6. **Recommendation.**
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