

The Children and Young People's Service

Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 30 June 2016

Report Title: Schools Forum Membership and Constitution

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Purpose: To review the membership of the Forum and update the Constitution

Recommendations:

1. That there be a reduction in representation from the primary maintained phase by one and an increase in Academy secondary phase by one for the Academic year 2016/17 as set out in the report.
2. That the nominations for the governor vacancies for the secondary governor, primary academy and special school be agreed.
3. That the revised and updated Forum Constitution be agreed.
4. That it be noted that there will be a continuing role for the Forum in 2017-18 and 2018 -19 pending the introduction of a hard national funding formula.
5. That Forum members give initial consideration to its future and provide views.

1. Report.

1.1 Membership

This annual report on Forum membership reviews the number of Academy members ensuring that the allocation of places to the schools representatives is proportionately represented, having regard to the total number of pupils in attendance in the various settings.

- 1.2 The attached appendix sets out the number and proportion of pupils in attendance across the school settings and phases. Accordingly there should be a reduction in respect of Maintained Primary representation by one and an increase in Academy Secondary representation by one.
- 1.3 It is suggested that the reduction of one from the Maintained Primary phase should be sought by reducing the governor representation. This can be easily achieved as a vacancy has arisen due to the non attendance over a six month period by one of the governors.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the increase in Academy Secondary representation be achieved by a further governor thereby equalling the number of school staff in this phase.

2. Size of the Forum

- 2.1 Although Haringey's Forum which currently comprises 36 members is considerably larger than neighbouring Boroughs (Hackney 17, Enfield 24, Camden 20 and Barnet 29) it is considered to work effectively so no proposed reduction in numbers is proposed at present. Forum members are reminded that non school members cannot number more than one third of the total.

The proposed membership taking into account the proposed changes above would be made up as follows:-

No.	Membership Category
	<u>Schools</u>
1	Nursery School Staff
1	Nursery School Governor
7	Primary Maintained sector School Staff
6	Primary Maintained sector School Governor
2	Secondary maintained sector School Staff
3	Secondary maintained School Governor
1	Special School Staff
1	Special School Governor
1	Pupil Referral Unit
23	Total

	<u>Academies</u>
1	Primary Academy sector school staff
1	Primary Academy sector school governor
2	Secondary Academy Sector school staff
2	Secondary Academy Sector governors
1	Alternative Provision Academy
7	<i>Total</i>
30	<i>Total Schools Block</i>
	<u>Non Schools</u>
1	Haringey Councillor
1	Children's Service Consultative Committee (Trades Union)
1	Teachers' Professional Associations
1	Faith Sector
1	16-19 Partnership
1	Early Years Provider.(PVI)
6	<i>Sub-Total Non School Members</i>
36	Total Members
	<u>Observers</u>
	Haringey Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
	Education Funding Agency

3. Future of the Forum

- 3.1 There is likely to be a need to continue to review the Forum's membership to ensure a fair representation of Academy members should there be an increase in the number of Academies and Multi Academy trusts (MATs) over the next few years.
- 3.2 There will also be a continuing role for the schools forums in 2017-18 and 2018-19 in carrying out their current role of advising on the schools budget and the local formula, and making decisions about what spending can be held centrally in relation to schools. However when the 'hard formula' for schools comes in 2019-20, 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.
- 3.3 It is intended that an options paper will be presented to the Forum for consideration this Autumn, but in the meantime the Forum may wish to start to consider the following:

- 1 The need to keep the terms of reference for the Forum under review as the changing role of the Forum emerges over the coming years.
- 2 Is the Forum structure best suited to meet the changing demands that may be made upon it over the next few years
- 3 If there is no longer a statutory requirement for a Forum should a locally constituted body be set up? If so should it be the Forum in its current status? If not should steps in advance of 2019/20 be taken to move to a different model?
4. Should the Forum consider reviewing its representative make up more often than annually?