

## SCHOOLS FORUM AGENDA ITEM

For Action

For Information

**Brief Description of Item** (including the purpose / reason for presenting this for consideration by the Forum)

This report provides an update on the Forum's membership, continuing from the report (Document OI) that was presented on 18 May 2022.

**Date (s) of any Previous Discussion at the Forum**

18 May 2022 (Document OI).

**Background / Context**

The Forum's membership arrangements, and Conduct of Meetings document, are subject to annual review.

Within good practice guidance, the DfE has stressed to authorities how essential it is that Forum membership arrangements keep pace with the changing landscape, in particular the conversion of maintained schools to academy status. The Authority must consider annually how best to provide for responsive arrangements, to ensure that the Forum remains representative and to avoid any unintended bias towards any one phase or sector, whilst continuing to ensure stability of membership and effective decision making. There are other requirements set by the DfE, in place to ensure that those affected by the Authority's formula funding and DSG spending decisions are effectively represented.

We presented on 18 May the Forum's composition for the 2022/23 academic year and details of the process for renewing / refreshing membership. We also presented the latest version of the Forum's Conduct of Meetings and Procedures document, which will be in place for the 2022/23 academic year.

**Details of the Item for Consideration**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the membership of the Schools Forum for the 2022/23 academic year, following the recent 'refresh' processes.

The Forum's membership at September 2022 is presented at Appendix 1.

We highlight the following:

- Sian Hudson has been confirmed as continuing as the representative of maintained nursery schools headteachers, for September 2022 to July 2024.
- Michelle Farr has been confirmed as replacing Dominic Wall as the representative of academy special schools, for September 2022 to July 2024.
- A number of existing Schools and Academies members have been re-elected for a further two-year term of office, September 2022 to July 2024.
- Jonathan Nixon joins the Forum as a new member, from September 2022, representing maintained primary school headteachers.
- Amanda Sleney joins the Forum as a new academies member, from September 2022, replacing Sir Nick Weller.
- Carol Dewhirst has 'stepped down' as a full academies member, but will act as a named substitute for Ashley Reed.
- At this time, we have 4 (out of 27) schools and academies membership vacancies, with 3 academies memberships currently vacant and 1 maintained membership (special school governors). We then, at this time, have a further vacancy with the representative of 16-19 providers (however, there are substitute arrangements in place).

**Implications for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) (if any)**

No direct implications

**Recommendations**

**Recommended – The Schools Forum is asked to consider and to note the information provided.**

**List of Supporting Appendices / Papers** (where applicable)

Appendix 1 – Schools Forum Membership September 2022

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