



Report to Schools Forum

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Recommendations:

- a) To agree the draft constitution for Schools Forum.
- b) To seek representatives from the Primary Academy, Secondary Academy (Upper and Grammar), Maintained Nursery and Maintained PRU sector in line with the current constitution.

Reason for decision: to agree the updated constitution and the number of representatives from each sector.

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this agenda item is to review the membership of schools forum to ensure it is in line with the pupil numbers in academies and maintained schools, and to confirm the updated constitution so that this can be published.
- 1.2 Elections will then need to be held to seek representatives for vacancies on the schools forum.

2 Constitution

- 2.1 The Schools Forum constitution has been reviewed and it is proposed it be updated to reflect the change a to the membership. The draft constitution is attached as Appendix A to this report.
- 2.2 The Schools Forum’s constitution sets out the rules for schools forum membership and this is set in line with the DfE’s guidance on schools forum structure.

2.3 DfE guidance is that the split of membership for maintained and academy schools should be reflective of the proportion of pupils in each sector. Within Buckinghamshire it has been further agreed that the split of membership should also reflect local circumstances, namely to clearly set out secondary upper and secondary grammar schools representation.

2.4 The current constitution details the school membership of schools forum as follows:

- i. One maintained nursery school member (either head teacher or governor);
- ii. Three special school members
 - a. Two maintained special school members (preferably one head teacher and one governor);
 - b. One academy school member (either head teacher or governor);
- iii. Eight secondary school members
 - a. One maintained secondary school
 - b. Four academy secondary schools (preferably two head teacher and two governors);
 - c. 3 academy grammars
- iv. Two pupil referral unit (PRU) members (preferably one head teacher and one governor);
- v. Ten primary school members
 - a. Two maintained infant school members (preferably one head teacher and one governor);
 - b. Two maintained junior school members (preferably one head teacher and one governor);
 - c. Four maintained combined school members (preferably two head teachers and two governors);
 - d. Two academy school members (preferably one head teacher and one governor).

3 Review of Current Membership – mainstream schools

3.1 In order to ensure that the membership of schools forum is representative of pupil numbers in each type of school have been reviewed and compared to the current constitution. The outcome of that review is summarised in the table below.

Review of pupil numbers and Schools Forum membership: Based on January 2022 Census Data

Schools by Type and Pupil Numbers				Membership Based on Pupil Numbers		Current Constitution		Current Members	
School Type	Total Schools	Pupil Numbers	% of Total Pupils	Maintained	Academy	Maintained	Academy	Maintained	Academy
Primary Maintained	141	33854	39%	7		8		7	
Primary Academy	46	12498	14%		3		2		2
Secondary Maintained	5	5871	7%	1		1		1	
Secondary Academy/Free/UTC (Upper)	18	17296	20%		4		4		3
Secondary Academy (Grammar)	13	16854	20%		3		3		2
Sub Total	223	86373	100%	8	10	9	9	8	7
Nursery Maintained	2	267		1		1		0	
Special Maintained	8	1226		2		2		2	
Special Academy	2	363			1		1		1
Pupil Referral Unit	3	75		1		1		0	1
Total	238	88304		12	12	13	11	10	9

3.2 The data indicates that the current constitution is no longer representative of pupil numbers. Based on this data there are currently vacancies for primary academy, Secondary academy, maintained nursery and maintained PRU representatives.