

**SCHOOLS FORUM
14 JULY 2011**

**SCHOOLS FORUM – REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION
Director of Corporate Services**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To seek endorsement of an amendment to the Forum's Constitution which is intended to bring it into line with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010 following the order for Ranelagh School to become an academy.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the Constitution of the Bracknell Forest Schools Forum be amended to add an academy representative to the schools representatives; and,**
- 2.2 **That the officers be asked to undertake a review of the schools membership to ensure that the allocation of seats is broadly proportionate to the ratio of pupils.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To comply with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None, the Council is required to establish a Forum compliant with the new regulations.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2010 came into force on 1 April 2010. The Forum adopted its current constitution in September 2010. At that time it was advised that the 2010 Regulations stipulate there must be at least one academy member on a Schools Forum where there are academies in the local authority's area. The requirement is consistent with that for nursery and special schools, which must have representation if there are any such schools in an authority's area. As there were no academies within Bracknell Forest at the time, no provision was made for an academy member on the Forum.
- 5.2 From August 2011, Ranelagh School is expected to become an academy. The Forum is therefore asked to agree that an additional place be provided on its membership for an academy representative to be appointed by Ranelagh School.
- 5.3 The guidelines stipulate that "The numbers of members in each group should be proportionate to the ratio of pupils in each phase". As the headteacher of Ranelagh School is already a secondary schools member, it is suggested that the third secondary school member be left vacant pending a review of pupil numbers by the officers over the summer to assess whether the current allocation of seats is broadly

proportionate. A further report will be submitted to the Forum at its meeting in September 2011.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The changes proposed are in accordance with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 There are no equalities issues raised by this matter as the processes aim to be non-discriminatory.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 There are no strategic risk management issues to be considered.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 None.

Representations Received

- 7.3 None.

Background Papers

The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2010
Bracknell Forest Schools Forum Constitution

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