

**TO: SCHOOLS FORUM
15 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**REVIEW OF PROVISION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE SCHOOLS FORUM
Director of Corporate Services**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek endorsement of an amendment to the Forum's composition which is intended to bring it in to line with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010 to reflect the proportion of pupils in schools maintained by the Local Authority.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That the composition of the Bracknell Forest Schools Forum as set out in Appendix A be approved.**
- 2.2 **That the Governing Body of Ranelagh School be asked to confirm their nominee for the Academy's place on the Forum.**
- 2.3 **That the Secondary Heads Association be asked to nominate a third representative to the Forum.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To bring the Forum's Constitution in to line with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010 following the order for Ranelagh School to become an academy. At the Forums' last meeting it was agreed that an Academy Representative be added to the Schools Forum Membership and that a review be undertaken by officers to ensure that the allocation of secondary school representatives' seats is broadly proportionate to the ratio of school pupils in the borough.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None, a review of secondary school representatives is required to ensure the Bracknell Forest Schools Forum is in keeping with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2010 came in to 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 Church of England Secondary School became an Academy. At its meeting on 14 July the Schools Forum agreed that the Forum's Constitution be amended to add an Academy Representative to the allocation of schools representatives.
- 5.3 The Headteacher of Ranelagh had been an existing member of the Forum as a secondary school representative and has been appointed to be the academies' representative from 1 August 2011 until a full review of the constitution could be undertaken at this meeting. This means there is a vacancy for a secondary school representative.
- 5.4 As requested by the Forum at its meeting of 14 July 2011, officers undertook a review of school pupil numbers in Bracknell Forest to assess whether the current allocation of seats is broadly proportionate.
- 5.5 There are currently 17 primary and secondary schools members on the Forum (including the academy appointment made at the last meeting):
- 10 Primary (59%)
 - 6 Secondary (35%)
 - 1 Academy (6%)
- 5.6 The current primary and secondary schools population is:
- Primary 9089 (58%)
 - Secondary 5524 (36%)
 - Academy 951 (6%)
- 5.8 These figures suggest that the membership with the additional academy appointment will be broadly proportionate to the school population as stipulated in the guidance issued by the Department of Education in December 2010.
- 5.9 This means that there is now a vacancy for the third secondary school staff representative on the Forum. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Secondary Heads Association be asked to nominate a further member to serve on the Forum.
- 5.10 In addition, the 2010 Regulations stipulate that: Where there is only one Academy in the authority's area, the governing body of the Academy must select the person who will represent them on the schools forum.

Therefore, the governing body of Ranelagh School has been asked to confirm that the school's headteacher should take the academies' place on the Forum.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 Nothing to add to the 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.

Other Officers

6.5 None.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

7.2 None.

Representations Received

7.3 None.

Background Papers

Bracknell Forest Schools Forum Constitution

Schools Forum- Review of Constitution Report, 14 July 2011

The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2010

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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE
BRACKNELL FOREST SCHOOLS FORUM SEPTEMBER 2011**

SCHOOLS MEMBERS:

Academy Representative: (1)

Kathy Winrow, Ranelagh School (to be confirmed)

Primary Representatives: (5) *Appointed by nomination of Primary Heads group*

Joanna Quinn, Wooden Hill School

Gill Harbut, Winkfield St Mary's

Trisha Donkin, Holly Spring Junior School

Trudi Sammons, College Town Infants and Nursery

Vacancy

Primary Governors: (5) *Appointed from all Primary Governors, by election where needed*

Ed Glasson, Meadow Vale Primary School **(to 31.08.2013)**

Louise Lovegrove, Cranbourne Primary School **(to 14.07.2014)**

Tony Reading, Sandy Lane Primary School **(to 14.07.2014)**

John Throssell, Crown Wood Primary School **(to 31.08.2012)**

Vacancy

Secondary Representatives: (3) *Appointed by nomination of Secondary Heads group*

Paul Salter, Brakenhale School

Andrew Fletcher, Sandhurst School

Vacancy

Secondary Governors: (3) *Appointed from all Secondary Governors, by election where needed*

Mrs Maureen Beadsley, Easthampstead Park School **(to 31.08.2012)**

Brian Fries, Easthampstead Park Secondary School **(to 31.08.2013)**

John McNab, Edgbarrow School **(to 31.08.2013)**

Special Education Representatives: (1) *Appointed from Special School Governors*

Anne Shillcock, Kennel Lane Special School **(to 31.08.2013)**

NON-SCHOOLS MEMBERS:

Union Representative: (1)

George Clement,

Church of England Diocese Representative: (1)

Vacancy

Roman Catholic Diocese Representative: (1)

Vacancy

14-19 partnership (1)

Vacancy

PVI providers (1)

Kate Sillett