

**TO: SCHOOLS FORUM
15 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**REVIEW OF PROVISION FOR ACADEMY AND 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 2012 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 Bodies of the three Academies be asked to confirm their nominee for the Academy Governor vacancy on the Forum.**
- 2.3 **That the Secondary Heads Group be asked to confirm two representatives 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 2012, to reflect changes to academy status and the number of children attending schools in the borough.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None, a review of secondary school and Academy representatives is required to ensure the Bracknell Forest Schools Forum is in keeping with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 From April 2016, Brakenhale School became an Academy. It is therefore suggested that the Forum's Constitution be amended to add an Academy Governor to the allocation of schools representatives, and that the number of Secondary Head Representatives be changed from three to two in order to reflect Brackenahle's change.
- 5.2 Officers undertook a review of school pupil numbers in Bracknell Forest to assess whether the current allocation of seats is broadly proportionate.

- 5.3 There are currently 17 primary and secondary schools members on the Forum:
- 10 Primary (58.8%)
 - 6 Secondary (35%)
 - 1 Academy (5.8%)
- 5.4 The current primary and secondary schools population is:
- Primary 10,316 (59.73%)
 - Secondary 4,822 (27.92%)
 - Primary Academy 202 (1.17%)
 - Secondary Academy 1,931 (11.18%)
- 5.5 These figures suggest that the membership with one fewer Secondary Head representative and one additional Academy Governor appointment will be broadly proportionate to the school population as stipulated in the guidance issued by the Department of Education.
- 5.6 This means that an Academy Governor representative needs to be appointed. Accordingly, it is suggested that the three Academies be asked to nominate a Governor to serve on the Forum.
- 5.7 It is also suggested that the Secondary Heads be asked to nominate two representatives to reflect Brackenhale's transfer to Academy status.

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
The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012

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