

To: **Schools Forum**
9 March 2023

Schools Forum – Constitution & Membership March 2023
Executive Director: Delivery

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek endorsement to minor changes to the Schools Forum’s Constitution and Membership.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the revised Schools Forum Constitution and Membership be endorsed.**

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To reflect an increase in academisation.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 The Forum could reject the recommendations but would need to justify any alternative proposals.

5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 Following further academisation and membership changes, the membership structure of the Forum has been reviewed and is set out in Annex 1. The change proposed is that the academy representatives should be increased from five to seven, with a reduction of one maintained primary and one maintained secondary governor – both existing posts are vacant. The revised membership structure ensures a better balance of Forum members between academies and maintained schools, based on relative pupil numbers in each phase.
- 5.2 With the new membership structure, there are currently vacancies for the two additional academy representatives, as well as of the 16-19 Partnership. The one primary governor is also due for re-election (or replacement) having been rolled forward due to lack of other nominees. The election process will be conducted during the summer term. It is hoped that all vacancies will have been filled by the autumn term.

6 Consultation and Other Considerations

Legal Advice

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Financial Advice

- 6.2 Not applicable.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 The opportunity has been taken to ensure the Constitution uses only gender-neutral language.
- 6.4 Since being able to meet remotely, attendance has generally been better with those juggling busy schedules having the opportunity to drop in without any time wasted travelling to the meeting.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 There are no issues.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.6 The recommendations in Section 2 above are expected to have no impact on emissions of CO₂. If, however, meetings were to revert to in-person again, there would be an impact with participants travelling to and from meetings at Time Square.

Health & Wellbeing Considerations

- 6.7 The opportunity to continue meeting remotely, reduces the need for members to travel between their existing location and Time Square, which may involve rushing and traffic delays etc and therefore may make in-person meetings a more stressful event.

Background Papers

None.

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