

City of Wolverhampton Council

SCHOOLS' FORUM

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Summary

The constitution document for Schools' Forum and the membership has been reviewed for the 2023 - 2024 academic year.

Decision

Members of Schools' Forum are recommended to:

1. Approve the proposed make up of Forum membership for the academic year
2. Comment on the constitution document and agree to adopt it subject to any agreed changes.

1.0 Membership of Schools' Forum

- 1.1 A review of the membership and constitution has been undertaken. In terms of Forum membership there are currently:
- 10 schools sector members,
 - 11 academy members,
 - 4 non-schools members.
- 1.2 The balance of pupils across the primary/secondary and academy sectors has changed in the last academic year due to academisation. The DfE Operational and Good Practice Guide (March 2021) states that "Schools and academies must number at least two-thirds of the total membership of the schools' forum and the balance between maintained primary, maintained secondary and academies members must be broadly proportionate to the pupil numbers in each category".
- 1.3 At present the 10 schools sector membership is broken down as follows:
- **4** representatives of maintained **Primary** Schools of which at least **2** must be governors
 - **1** representative of maintained **Secondary** Schools
 - **2** representatives of **Special Education** provision
 - Head teacher or their representative (e.g. bursar) x **1**
 - Governor representative x **1**
 - **2** representatives of **Nursery** schools
 - Head teacher or their representative (e.g. bursar) x **1**
 - Governor representative x **1**
 - **1** representative of **Pupil Referral Units**
- 1.4 It is felt that the current schools sector membership provides an opportunity for the various types of maintained schools in the city to take part effectively in the work of Schools' Forum. Reducing the membership any further may diminish the effectiveness of discussion and decision making.
- 1.5 Schools' Forum are asked to support the maintaining of the current membership quotas as per the draft Constitution document that accompanies this report at **Appendix 1**.