

**Schools Forum 4 June 2013**

**Report of the Director of Children's Services**

**Schools Forum Membership - Update**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise on the appointments to the membership of Schools Forum.

**Budget Working Group Discussed**

2. No.

**Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities**

3. Schools Forum is responsible for ensuring that the constitution and membership meet the legislative requirements detailed in the School Forum (England) Regulations 2012, effective from 1 October 2012.

**Action for Schools Forum**

4. To note the report and the appointments to the membership of Schools Forum.

**Attachments**

5. None

Karen Cocker  
Children's Services Finance Manager  
10 May 2013

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**Background**

**Membership**

2. The constitution of Schools Forum currently totals 29 members, of which there are 22 Schools members, 2 Academy members, and 5 Non-Schools members.
3. Members are elected on a three year rolling programme with Headteacher and the Pupil Referral Unit manager posts from the 1 November and all other posts from the 1 May.

**Appointments and Amendments**

**School Members**

4. At the Schools Forum meeting on the 19 March 2013 it was reported that Mr Ridney and Mr Patterson had been elected as members from 1 May 2013 for the 3 year period to 30 April 2016. This appointment has now been formalised through the Council's decision making process.

**Academy Vacancy**

5. One of the two Academy representative posts became vacant on the 24 January 2013 when Mrs S. Rogers from Windsor High School resigned from the post. All Academy Schools were invited to nominate a representative via their Governing Bodies by the 27 March 2013.

6. Two nominations were received from Mr S. Platford the Deputy Head at High Arcal Academy and Mr M Price a governor at Holly Hall Academy. As more than one nomination was received an election was then held which resulted in Mr S. Platford being proposed as the nominated Academy representative effective for the remaining 1 year term of office ending 30 April 2014.
7. This appointment will need to be formalised through the Council's decision making process before the membership is operational. As this is expected to be after the date of Schools Forum on 4 June 2013, Mr Platford will be invited as a member to the July meeting.

#### Non school Members

##### Union and Professional Associations

8. The representative of the recognised Unions and Professional Associations, nominated by the staff side of the Directorate Joint Consultative Committee expired on 30 April 2013. Therefore the Joint Consultative Committee has been contacted to nominate a member from 1 May 2013.
9. At the time of writing the report the JCC had not responded to the request for a replacement therefore as this appointment will need to be formalised through the Council's decision making process before the membership is valid, it is anticipated that the JCC nomination will be eligible as a member in time for the July Schools Forum meeting.

##### Catholic Schools Commission

10. There remains a vacancy for a representative of the Catholic Schools Commission nominated by the Commission. The Commission has been contacted on a number of occasions but has not identified a nomination for the position which has been vacant since July 2012.

##### Dudley 14–19 Strategic Partnership

11. There remains a vacancy for representative of the Dudley 14–19 Strategic Partnership, nominated by the Partnership.

#### **Finance**

12. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2012.
13. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
14. From 1 April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant; Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

## **Law**

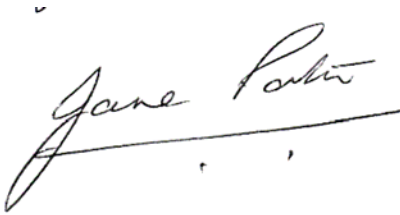
15. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

## **Equality Impact**

16. The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy is taken into account when considering the allocation of resources.

## **Recommendation**

17. Schools Forum to note the contents of the report provided in respect of Dudley's Schools Forum membership appointments from May 2013.

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