

**Schools Forum 22 January 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 an Academy school representative appointment to 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 meets the legislative requirements detailed in the School Forum (England) Regulations 2012.

**Action for Schools Forum**

4. To note the membership update and welcome the new member, Mr J. Kelleher.

**Attachments to Report**

5. Appendix A – Schools Forum Membership list.

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2. In accordance with the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012, the Schools Forum constitution was amended to increase the Academy representation to two members, to proportionally reflect Academy schools in Dudley.
3. With one existing Academy member, the Chairs of Governors for all Academies were invited to nominate a Schools Forum representative by 9 November 2012.
4. Two nominations were received with one candidate standing down before the election process went to ballot.
5. Mr J. Kelleher (a parent Governor for Earls High School) was therefore elected to the position of an Academy representative for Dudley's Schools Forum. This post is for a three year term of office to expire 31 October 2015.

**Finance**

6. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2012 which are effective from 1 January 2013 and relate to the 2013/14 financial year.
7. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
8. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant; Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

**Law**

9. 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**

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

## **Recommendation**

11. Schools Forum to note the report and to welcome the new Academy representative member, Mr J. Kelleher.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Porter', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

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