

Dudley Schools Forum - 16th December 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Schools Forum Membership - Update

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Discussed at HTCF – BWG

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, which were effective on 1st October 2012.

Actions for Schools Forum

4. To note the membership update to include Mr. M Moody as an Academy School representative effective from 1st January 2015.

Attachments to Report

5. Appendix A – Schools Forum Membership list effective from 1st January 2015.

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Background

2. In accordance with the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012, the Schools Forum constitution details the membership of the Forum to include four Academy members. This ensures that Academies within Dudley are proportionally reflected on Schools Forum.
3. With only one member currently representing Academies on School Forum, elections were held during November 2014 in respect of the three Academy School vacancies.
4. Only one nomination was received therefore Mr. M Moody (Windsor High School and Sixth Form) was elected to the position of Academy School representative for Dudley's School Forum. This post is effective from 1st January 2015 until 30th April 2017.
5. The appointment is subject to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning formalising the appointment through the Council's democratic decision making process.

Finance

6. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013 to be replaced by the draft Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2014.
7. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
8. From 1 April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant: Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

Law

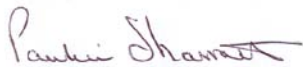
9. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

Equality Impact

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

Recommendation

11. To note the membership update to include Mr. M Moody as an Academy School representative from 1st January 2015. The appointment is subject to the Cabinet Member formalising the appointment through the Council's democratic decision making process.



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