

**Schools Forum 19 March 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 forthcoming appointments to the Forum's membership.

**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 forthcoming appointments to the membership of Schools Forum.

**Attachments**

5. None

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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 PRU manager posts from the 1<sup>st</sup> November and all other posts from the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Appointments and Amendments**

**School Members - Governor Appointments**

4. There are two Governor vacancies to be elected with effect from 1 May 2013. The recent election process has identified the following appointments, which are subject to agreement by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services when the appointment will be formalised through the democratic process before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013
  - a. Brierley Hill (Primary) – formerly Mr R Timmins.  
Mr L. Ridney was elected to the vacancy. This post is for a three year term of office due to expire 30 April 2016.
  - b. Central Dudley (Secondary) - formerly vacant.  
Mr B. Patterson was elected to the vacancy. This post is for a three year term of office due to expire 30 April 2016.

### Academy Vacancy

5. There are two representatives of the Academy schools, nominated by the governing bodies of the Academies in Dudley's area for which there is currently one Academy vacancy due to Mrs S. Rogers resignation on 24 January 2013. The vacant position has been communicated to the Academy Schools in Dudley with a deadline for nominations for this post of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

### Non school Members

#### Union and Professional Associations

6. The representative of the recognised Unions and Professional Associations, nominated by the staff side of the Directorate Joint Consultative Committee will expire on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Therefore the Joint Consultative Committee has been contacted to nominate a member from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

#### Catholic Schools Commission

7. 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

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

### **Finance**

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

### **Law**

12. 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**

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

## **Recommendation**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Porter', with a horizontal line underneath.

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