

Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Schools Forum Membership Update

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Schools Forum with a membership update.

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, which were effective from 1 October 2012.

Action for Schools Forum

4. To note the updated position in respect of the membership of Dudley's Schools Forum as detailed in Appendix A.

Attachments to Report

5. Appendix A – Dudley Schools Forum current membership

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2. Schools Forum Constitution allows for 29 members.
3. The Early Years Provider representative, Mrs A. Richards has resigned from her role on Schools Forum on 14 January 2014 due to ill health and will be replaced by Mrs N. Jones (Hasbury Pre School). This post will be for the remainder of the existing three year term of office to expire 30 April 2015.
4. There are currently four vacancies and five member posts which are due for re-election.

Vacancies

- Two new Academy School members from 1 January 2014. The closing date for nominations from the Academy Schools was 22 November 2013. As there were no nominations received the vacancies have been held over until the next opportunity for nominations in the Spring term 2014.
- One Primary School Governor vacancy to replace Mrs T Pearce from Central Dudley who resigned on 20 January 2014.
- One existing vacancy from the Catholic Schools Commission, nominated by the Commission. The Catholic Schools Commission has been contacted but has been unable to put forward a representative for this post which has been vacant for some time.

Re-elections

- Two Primary Governors posts for re-election in the North Dudley and Stourbridge township.
 - Two Secondary Governors posts for re-election from Halesowen and Stourbridge.
 - One Academy School representative for re-election post currently held by the High Arcal School.
5. Elections in respect of the four vacancies listed above, together with the five posts due for re-election before 30 April 2014, as indicated in Appendix A, have commenced.

Finance

6. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2012 and 2013.
7. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
8. From 1st 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

- To note the contents of the report provided in respect of the Membership update and the details attached at Appendix A.



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