

Dudley Schools Forum - 3rd June 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. There were four vacancies and five member posts which were 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.
- 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 High Arcal School.

Outcomes of the Spring 2014 Elections

4. Central Dudley Primary Governor. Mr Brendan Oakley, Sledmere Primary School, has been appointed for the 3 year period commencing in May 2014 to April 2017.
5. North Dudley Primary Governor. There were no nominations received to replace Mr Harris. This post will remain vacant until the next opportunity for nominations.
6. Stourbridge Primary Governor. Mrs Jill Belcher, Peters Hill Primary School, has retained her membership for the 3 year period commencing in May 2014 to April 2017.
7. Halesowen Secondary Governor. Mrs Gill Withers, Leasowes School, has retained her membership for the 3 year period commencing in May 2014 to April 2017.
8. Stourbridge Secondary Governor. Mr Jim Conway, Ridgewood High School, has retained his membership for the 3 year period commencing in May 2014 to April 2017.
9. Academy Schools. There were no nominations from Academy Schools in respect of the three vacancies which will remain vacant until the next opportunity for nominations.
10. 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.

Finance

11. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2012 and 2013.
12. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
13. From 1st April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant; Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

Law

14. 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

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

Recommendation

16. Schools Forum 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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