

Meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum – 3rd October, 2023

Report of the Director of Children’s Services

Schools Forum Membership

Purpose

1. To provide Schools Forum with an update in respect of Schools Forum membership.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

2. 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 1st October 2012, as amended by Regulation 3 of the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2015.

Recommendation

3. That the updated position in respect of the membership of Dudley’s Schools Forum be noted.

Background

4. Dudley’s current Schools Forum Constitution allows for 28 members; comprising of 14 School members, 10 Academy School members and 4 Non-schools members.
5. Governor Support team commenced an election process in September, 2023 seeking nominations for the following representatives, for a three year period commencing 1st November, 2023:

One Primary School Headteacher (currently Miss A Hannaway);

6. Outcomes of the above elections will be reported at the Schools Forum meeting on 14th November, 2023.

Budget Working Group

7. This report will be considered by the Budget Working Group on 26th September, 2023.

Finance

8. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2018.

Law

9. The Schools Forum is a statutory decision making and consultative body constituted in line with the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, and its associated regulations, including the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012, to enable members of the local school community to work in partnership with Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council when making decisions about school funding and finances.
10. Schools Forums are regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 as amended.

Risk Management

11. There are no implications to the Council's Risk Management Framework that result from the proposals contained within this report.

Equality Impact

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

Human Resources/Organisational Development

13. This report has no direct implications for organisational development, human resources or service transformation.

Commercial/Procurement

14. There is no impact on the potential to commercially trade and no impact on our customer base.

Environment/Climate Change

15. This report has no direct implications on the environment or the Council's work in addressing Climate Change and achieving Net Zero target by 2041.

Council Priorities and Projects

16. The Dudley Council Plan 2019-2022 is clear in its ambitions for educational outcomes including raising skills, educational and work potential, increasing good or better schools and closing the gap for disadvantaged pupils. The role of Dudley Schools Forum is to advise the Council on matters affecting schools funding, principally the allocation of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), and the local Fair Funding Formula which distributes budgets to schools, early years providers and other maintained education settings.

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Appendix

Appendix 1 – School Forum Membership from 1st May, 2023

List of Background Documents

[Schools Forum Constitution – 1st January, 2018](#)
[The Schools Forums \(England\) Regulations 2012](#)