

**Schools Forum 25th November 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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11<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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2. Schools Forum Constitution allows for 29 members; comprising of 20 Schools members, 4 Academy School members and 5 Non-schools members.
3. School Member Headteacher posts are elected from their constituent groups at the beginning of each academic year and effective for a three year period from 1<sup>st</sup> November.
4. There were four vacant positions for election this term; two resulting from the expiry of the term of office and two following resignations.

**School Membership Representative - Headteacher Re- Elections**

5. There were **two** School Member positions for re-election.
  - Stourbridge township.  
Mrs J. Quigley (Wollescote Primary) will continue in post as the Primary Headteacher representative.  
This post is for the three year term of office to expire 31st October 2017.
  - Stourbridge township.  
Mr P. Kilbride (Oldswinford Hospital School) was elected to the position of Secondary Headteacher representative to replace Mr B. Warren (Summerhill) from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014.  
This post is for the three year term of office to expire 31st October 2017.

**School Membership Representative - Headteacher Resignations**

6. There are **two** School Member positions following resignations mid term.
  - Brierley Hill township.  
Mrs M. Stowe (Crestwood Park) was elected to the position of Primary Headteacher representative to replace Mr B. Jones (Brockmoor Primary), who has resigned, from 1 November 2014.

This post is for the continuation of the three year term of office to expire 31st October 2016.

- All townships Special Schools.

Mrs J. Kings (Halesbury) was elected to the position of Special Headteacher representative to replace Mr D. Kirk (Rosewood), who has resigned, from 1st November 2014.

This post is for the continuation of the three year term of office to expire 31st October 2015.

7. The decision sheet in respect of these appointments has been prepared for signature by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning.

### **Finance**

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

### **Law**

11. 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**

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

### **Recommendation**

13. 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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