

Agenda Item 8



Report to: Schools' Forum

Date: 20 March 2020

Title of report: Schools' Forum Membership

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Purpose of report: To brief Schools' Forum on the review of the membership of the East Sussex Schools' Forum.

1. Membership

- 1.1 Schools' Forum membership is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that there is proportionate representation of each phase for maintained schools and academies in line with the number of pupils in each category. With this in mind, a review has recently been carried out using the October 2019 census data.
- 1.2 After reviewing, the overall membership between the phases was found to be in line with the current membership profile. Therefore, the Primary phase will continue to have 10 representatives across the Academy and Maintained sectors and the Secondary Phase 7 representatives across the Academy and Maintained sectors.

2. Primary Phase

- 2.1 Reviewing the primary phase representation, the current proportions need to be amended slightly, with the split between maintained school and academy representation needing to change by 1 member i.e. Reduce the maintained school representation by 1 member and increase the academy representation by 1 member.
- 2.2 We have two Primary maintained headteachers' terms of office due to expire shortly (the end of March) and in order to align the membership profile in this phase, only one of these forthcoming vacancies will be filled by maintained school representation. The other vacancy will be "transferred" and advertised as a vacancy for an academy representative in this phase.

3. Secondary Phase

- 3.1 The current representation for maintained schools and academies remains appropriate and therefore does not require changing.
- 3.2 There is currently one vacancy for an academy representative, which will be advertised shortly.

4. The Next Steps

4.1 Requests for expressions of interest for the vacant positions will be advertised shortly:

- one vacancy for an academy representative in the Primary phase;
- one vacancy for an academy representative in the Secondary phase;
- one vacancy for a maintained primary school headteacher representative.

4.2 The membership will continue to be reviewed periodically to ensure the relevant proportion representation will maintained.

5 Recommendation

5.1 Schools' Forum are asked to note that the overall membership between phases is still appropriate, but there will be changes to the Primary Phase between maintained schools and academy representation.