

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting 6 July 2021

Item No 3

Title: Forum Membership

Executive Summary

This report summarises the changes to the Forum membership since the last meeting.

Forum Decision Required

The Forum is asked to:

- a) Note the report and the information about the annual membership review.**
- b) Thank Ian Ball, Louise Martin, Eleanor Hick, Katrina Gale, Mark Jackson, Anne Peet, Sandra Thornberry, CC Phillippa Williamson, CC David Foxcroft and CC Christian Wakeford for their contributions to the Forum.**
- c) Welcome Phillipa Perks, CC Michael Goulthorp, CC Andrea Kay and CC Sue Hind to their first Forum meeting.**
- d) Thank Peter Hindle, CC Jayne Rear and CC Anne Cheetham for their continued involvement with the Forum.**

Background

This report provides information on Forum membership issues that have arisen since the last Forum meeting. Details are provided below.

i. Schools Forum Annual Membership Review for September 2021

As part of the annual membership review a number of members have decided to leave the Forum at the end of the summer term and the July 2021 meeting will be their last. Members that are leaving the Forum are:

Ian Ball	Primary School Governor
Louise Martin	Primary School Governor
Eleanor Hick	Primary School Governor
Katrina Gale	Primary School Headteacher
Mark Jackson	Secondary School Headteacher

Members will wish to thank these colleagues for their contributions to the Forum.

The county council is making arrangements to appoint replacement representatives.

ii. Early Years Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) Provider Representatives

As part of the Schools Forum annual membership review, 2 of the 3 early Years PVI representatives on the Forum, Peter Hindle and Anne Peet indicated that they did not wish to continue their membership from September 2021.

The county council sought replacement nominees from the sector in May 2021, but only one self nomination was received.

Phillipa Perks has therefore been formally appointed as one of the early years PVI representatives on the Schools Forum from September 2021. Phillipa is already a member of the early years Consultative group and Schools Forum early years block working group. Phillipa is attending this meeting of the Forum as an observer.

As only one new representative was obtained through the nomination process, Peter Hindle has kindly agreed to continue as a Forum representative for an interim period. Nominations will be sought again in the autumn term 2021.

Members will wish to thank Anne Peet for her contribution to the Forum, thank Peter Hindle for agreeing to extend his membership, and welcome Phillipa Perks to her first full Forum meeting ahead of taking up her formal appointment in September.

iii. PRU Governor

PRU Governor Sandra Thornberry has recently resigned from the Forum and members will wish to thank her for her contribution to the Forum.

The county council is making arrangements to appoint a replacement representative.

iv. County Council Appointments

Following the local elections in May 2021, the county council has changed some of the elected members who will sit on the Forum.

CC Jayne Rear is the new Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and therefore holds the executive position on the county council entitled to observer status on the Forum. The Forum will know that CC Rear has been a regular participant in Forum meeting over recent years as her former position was the Lead Member for Schools. She will share attendance at Forum meetings and events with CC Michael Goulthorp, who is the new Lead Member for Education and Skills/Children and Families for the county council.

The county council has also appointed new members to sit on the Forum, through the Appointments to Outside Bodies process. The three County Councillors appointed to the Forum are now:

- CC Anne Cheetham
- CC Andrea Kay
- CC Sue Hind

The Forum will know that CC Anne Cheetham is continuing her Forum membership and that CC Andrea Kay and CC Sue Hind are new Forum members.

The Forum will wish to welcome, or welcome back, these colleagues.

The Forum will also wish to thank CC Phillippa Williamson (now Leader of Lancashire County Council), CC David Foxcroft and CC Christian Wakeford, who have now left the Forum, for their contributions.

v. Schools Forum Annual Membership Review for September 2021

The Schools Forum regulations require that the balance of Forum membership is kept under review to ensure that the number of maintained primary, maintained secondary and academy members are reflective of the pupil population at these schools.

The Forum will be aware, data from the spring term census 2021 was delayed, so could not be reported to the March 2021 Forum meeting. However, complete data has now been received and analysed for schools forum membership purposes and a copy is provided below. As members will be aware, the analysis of the membership calculation is rounded to the nearest even number to facilitate an equal split of headteacher/principal and governance members.

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Current Membership</i>	<i>NOR January 2021</i>	<i>% of NOR January 2021</i>	<i>Membership September 2021 (rounded to nearest even number)</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Maintained primary schools	22	96,318	56%	22	-
Maintained secondary schools	10	39,870	23%	10	-
Academies	8	35,499	21%	8	-
Total	40	171,687	100%	40	0

As can be seen, the data from the January 2021 census does not suggest any change is required in the balance of Forum membership for September 2021.

Further schools are expected to convert to academies over time and the membership balance will continue to be kept under review.