

## **LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**

**Date of meeting 13 January 2022**

### **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,**
- b) Welcome Mandy Howarth and Nicola Regan to the Forum.**
- c) Thank Laura Brennan and Julie Langham for their contributions to the Forum.**

## Background

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

### Special School Governor Representative

Due to governance changes at her school, Laura Brennan is no longer eligible to be the special school governor representative on the Forum.

The LA sought candidates to fill the vacancy and 3 nominations were received. An election process was therefore undertaken at the end of the autumn term 2021.

13 votes were cast in the election, representing a 45% turnout. Mandy Howarth, a governor at Acorns Primary School, received 54% of the votes cast and has been appointed to the Forum.

*Members will wish to thank Laura for her contribution to the Forum and welcome Mandy to her first Forum meeting.*

### Secondary School Headteacher Representative

Julie Langham, School Business Manager from Haslingden High School has recently resigned from the Forum.

Julie was representing Secondary School Headteachers and Nicola Regan, Headteacher from Millfield Science and Performing Arts College has been appointed as new representative.

*Members will wish to thank Julie for her contribution to the Forum and welcome Nicola to her first Forum meeting.*

### Forum Membership Numbers

The Schools Forum regulations require that the balance of Forum membership for maintained primary schools, maintained secondary schools and academies is reviewed to ensure that the number of Forum representatives in these groups is proportionate to the pupil populations across the schools.

Now that the final October 2021 census numbers are available, the Forum membership has been reviewed against the latest pupil data and an analysis is provided below:

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Current Membership</i>	<i>NOR October 2021</i>	<i>% of NOR October 2021</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Membership (rounded to nearest even number)</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Maintained Primary	22	95,139	55.35%	22.14	22	-
Maintained Secondary	10	40,317	23.46%	9.38	10	-
Academies	8	36,422	21.19%	8.48	8	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>171,878</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>

Members will recall that the Forum membership for maintained primary schools, maintained secondary schools and academies is rounded to the nearest even number, so that an equal number of Headteacher/Principal and Governorship representatives can be appointed.

No immediate change to the membership balance is required based on the latest pupil data.

The county council is aware that there are a number of academy conversions planned during 2022 and will keep the membership balance under review ahead of the annual membership refresh for September 2022.