

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting 12 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 Rachel Bond to the Forum.**
- c) Thank Jackie Lord for her contribution to the Forum.**
- d) Welcome Alison Daly as an observer from Lytham St Annes High School.**
- e) Welcome Toni Rafferty to her first Forum meeting.**
- f) Thank Millie Dixon for her contribution to the Forum.**

Background

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

Secondary School Governor Representative

Jackie Lord has recently resigned from the Forum.

The LA sought candidates to fill the vacancy and only one nomination was received. Jackie was representing Secondary School Governor and Rachel Bond, Governor from Up Holland High School has been appointed as new representative.

Members will wish to thank Jackie for her contribution to the Forum and welcome Rachel to her first Forum meeting.

Observer

Welcome Alison Daly as an observer from Lytham St Annes High School to her first School Forum meeting.

Schools Forum

Millie Dixon recently progress into a new role within School Finance Team. Toni Rafferty has been appointed as her replacement and will take over the role of Business Support Officer of the School Forum.

The Forum will wish to thank Millie for her contribution to the Forum and to welcome Toni to the Forum.

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 2022 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 January</i>	<i>% of NOR January 2022</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>Membership September 2022 (rounded to nearest even number)</i>	<i>Variance</i>
Maintained Primary schools	22	92,755	54%	21.55	21	-
Maintained Secondary schools	10	38,219	22%	8.88	9	-
Academies	8	41,156	24%	9.56	9	-

Total	40	172,130	100%		39	-1
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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 2023 and will keep the membership balance under review ahead of the annual membership refresh for September 2023.