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ANNUAL REVIEW OF SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS

Report of the Director of Children's Services

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Forum on the most recent position in relation to membership quotas.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the number of Academy members is increased by one, and the number of secondary maintained members is reduced by one.

3. Present position

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the numbers of members representing each category of members – primary maintained, secondary maintained and Academies – must be broadly proportional to the numbers of pupils in schools in each category. Because of the Academy conversion process and the establishing and expansion of schools, Studio Schools, UTCs and Free Schools, each year a review is required to make sure proportionality is maintained.
- 3.2 The present position is set out below, based on numbers in schools at January 2016 census, and status of schools forecast for September 2016, reflecting known conversion plans. It is clear more schools will convert in the coming year.

	Pupil numbers	Membership quota	Current members
Academies*	74,136	5.53	5
Primary	96,026	7.16	7
Secondary, middle, upper	17,564	1.31	2
	187,726	14	14

* Includes Free Schools, UTCs, Studio Schools

- 3.3 It can be seen that the secondary maintained sector is currently over-represented, and if rounded to the nearest whole number the Academy sector is under represented. Given the certain direction of travel for future numbers, **it is recommended that the number of Academy members is increased by one, and the number of secondary maintained members is reduced by one.**
- 3.4 There is currently a vacancy for a secondary maintained member (Governor). In the circumstances it would not be appropriate to replace this vacancy.
- 3.5 It should be noted that the number of Academy Members who are currently Governors rose at the last election from 1 to 2, and thus the level of representation of Governors across Forum would be preserved.
- 3.6 If Forum agrees this recommendation there will be a need for a further election of an Academy Member during the autumn.