

SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Report of the Operations Director, Education

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Forum on the position in relation to membership arrangements.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is proposed that the number of members representing Academy Special Schools is increased by 1 to 1; and the number representing Maintained Special School Head Teachers is decreased by 1 to 1, both with effect from September 2018.

3. Present position

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the numbers of members representing each category of members – primary maintained, secondary maintained and mainstream 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. There is no requirement this year to change membership quotas.
- 2.2 Currently, there is no specific member of Forum representing Academy Special Schools. Such a representative is now required, and indeed the number of such schools is increasing as schools move from maintained status. It is therefore proposed to create a new Member of Forum, representing the separate membership category of Academy Special Schools. At the same time it is proposed to reduce the number of representatives of Maintained Special School head teachers by 1 to 1. Both changes would come into effect in September.
- 2.3 One of the current two places reserved for representatives of Maintained Special School head teachers is vacant, so no existing members will be affected.