

Schools Forum Membership Update

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Date: 17th January 2017

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to confirm the appointment of members to the Schools Forum following the resignation departure of Sue Banks, Secondary Headteacher, and the resignation of Kate Adams as Early Years Representative.

2. Recommendations

The Schools Forum is asked:

- 2.1. To confirm the appointment of Jo Morris as Early Years Representative.
- 2.2. To confirm the appointment of Mark Edwards as Governor (Secondary).

3. Detail

- 3.1. Section 43 of the 2002 Education Act requires Local Authorities to establish a Schools Forum to represent its schools and to support local authorities on matters relating to school budgets.
- 3.2. The forums are an important part of the local decision-making process. Each local authority must ensure that the Schools Forum for its area is constituted in accordance with regulations endorsed by the Education Funding Agency. The Local Authority is responsible for determining the size of membership and terms of office of the Schools Forum.
- 3.3. The maintained schools representation can include governors in each group (i.e. Primary, Secondary and Special).

Members of the Schools Forum are asked to agree the appointment of:

- **Jo Morris as an Early Years Representative.**
- **Mark Edwards as Governor Representative (Secondary).**

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4. Alternative Options

- 4.1. In light of Maintained Schools converting to Academy Status, there is a need to review the membership of the Schools Forum and therefore, no other options have been considered.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific implications relating to this report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2. The legal implications are set out in the body of the report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3. There are no such direct implications.

Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA)

- 5.4. The report reflects changes in the diversity of schools in Swindon.

Risk Assessment

There are no specific risk implications.

6. Consultees

- 6.1. The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1. Schools Forum: A Guide for Schools and Academies:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-forum-a-guide-for-schools-and-academies>
- 7.2. Schools Forums Operations and Good Practice Guide 2015.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-forums-operational-and-good-practice-guide-2015>

8. Appendices

- 8.1. None.