

REPORT TO: Schools Forum

DATE: 22 June 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Education, Inclusion and Provision

SUBJECT: Halton Schools Forum Membership Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update Schools Forum on its current membership and recruitment activity. Attached at appendix 1 is the current composition of the Schools Forum.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

Schools Forum notes the update.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Two vacancies exist in the following sectors:

- Primary Representative (small school); and
- Primary Academy Representative

Officers are presently recruiting for these sectors and will advise the Forum when they are filled.

The Schools Forum currently has three non-school members comprising two from the PVI sector and one from 16-19 education provision.

Good practice states that the Forum must consider inviting Diocesan representation before considering any other groups from the non-schools members.

An email was sent to each Diocese on 7 April 2016, inviting them to nominate a volunteer/s to join the Forum:

- Liverpool Archdiocese;
- Chester Diocese;
- Shrewsbury Diocese; and
- Liverpool Diocese.

To date the Liverpool Diocese has made contact to say they hoped to be in touch following consultations with the other Dioceses.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

If no Diocesan representation comes forward then participation would be encouraged at intervals throughout the year. In the meantime it is noted that faith schools are represented on the Forum in both the Primary and Secondary sectors.

If the Primary vacancies (above) cannot be filled from within their sectors, then the LA will seek to appoint them.

5.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
EFA - Schools Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide	HBC Office	Ann Jones
EFA – Schools Forum Structure	HBC Office	Ann Jones