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Briefing note

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Date: 23rd November 2021 **Purpose of the Paper:**

Information	√
Consultation	√
Decision	√

Title of Briefing: Review of Schools Forum Membership

Background

Schools Forum in September 2021, noted that due to a status change of a number of Schools (from Voluntary Aided/Maintained School to Academy) in August 2021 and further changes being planned to take place in October 2021 and April 2022, Schools Forum needed to review its membership to determine if there was a need for any changes.

Schools Forum last reviewed its membership, in January 2018 when Seaton Burn School changed to an Academy (now referred to as North Gosforth Academy); this review resulted in there not being a need to add additional Academy representatives to Schools Forum as the number of pupils affected was a relatively small number. Table 1 below notes the information that was presented to Schools Forum at that time:

Table 1 – 2018 Review

As at 2018 Review			
Sector	Pupils	% of Pupils	Members from 1st Jan 2018
Nursery/Primary/First (including Nursery)	16,410	54%	11
Middle/Secondary	9,793	32%	7
Special (including PRU)	591	2%	2
Academy	3,546	12%	3
Total	30,340	100%	23

The Current membership of Schools Forum is noted in Appendix A.

Current Position:

As Schools Forum members are aware, whilst there are a number of different 'category' of member within Schools Forum the individual 'post holder' is not in the role to represent their individual school or organisation. Each post holder is required to represent their sector or locality. Therefore, colleagues from an Academy school could be a locality representative – representing all schools in their sector in their locality area, e.g., an Academy Head teacher could also be a locality representative for the First/Primary or Middle/High if they are chosen by their locality/sector to be in that role.

The change of the status of a number of Primary Schools to join the Bishop Berwick Catholic Education Academy Trust (BBCET) will result in a number of pupils (2,148) being accounted for in an Academy School as follows:

- 4 Schools converted on 1st August 2021 (Primary - Star of the Sea, St Mary's (North Shields), St Cuthbert's, St Joseph's accounting for 1,045 pupils).
- 3 Schools converted on the 1st October 2021 (Primary – St Aidan's, St Bernadette's, St Columba's (accounting for 701 pupils)).
- 2 Schools are planned to convert on the 1st April 2022 (Primary – St Mary's (Forest Hall), St Stephen's (accounting for 402 pupils)).

There are therefore currently 11 Academy Schools within North Tyneside @1st October 2021 with 2 more planned for 1st April 2022, resulting in 13 Academy Schools being planned to be in place by the 1st April 2022. (Please note: all of this information presented within this report includes the two planned Academy conversions in April 2022).

It is proposed, due to the movement of pupil number from the maintained to the Academy sector for School Forum to increase its overall membership numbers from 27 to 29, thus allocating 2 additional Schools Forum representative roles to 'Other School Members – Non Locality Based' and thereby increasing the Academy representative roles from 2 to 4.

Table 2 presents information on the pupil numbers on the same basis as data was presented/ considered in 2018 by Schools Forum.

Table 2 – Proposed 2021/22 Review

Proposed 21/22 Review			
	Option 1		
Sector	Pupils	% of Pupils	Members from April 22
Nursery/Primary/First (including Nursery)	12,430	45%	11
Middle/Secondary	9,221	33%	7
Special (including PRU)	759	3%	2
Academy	5,370	19%	4
Total	27,780	100%	24

The proposed changes to the current membership of Schools Forum to accommodate 2 additional 'Other School Members – Non Locality Based' are noted/ highlighted in Appendix B.

Recommendations:

Schools Forum having read this report and clearly understanding the information provided consider this report and note the following:

1. Members are asked to consider the proposal noted and to reach agreement on the recommendation of increasing the 'Other School Members – Not locality based' by 2

to accommodate the addition of new Academy representative roles onto Schools Forum.

2. If Schools Forum members agree with the recommendation contained within this report, the updated membership would replace the current membership and new Academy members would be expected to join School Forum and attend from the next available meeting (12th January 2022).
3. It is up to the Academy schools to come together and decide how they wish to appoint. New members will be offered support in their role with an Induction/Update session (in line with support offered to all Schools Forum members) which ideally can take place before the next meeting in January 2022.
4. The membership of Schools Forum will be kept under review; so that roles on Schools Forum remain representatives of the category/ type of School operating within the North Tyneside Council area and in accordance with the ESFA Good Practice Guidance for Schools Forums.

Membership as at 11-Nov 2021					
North West					
Phase	Role	Name	School	Term expires	Number
Primary	Head	Stephen Baines	Holystone Primary	Jan-23	1
Primary	Head	Jill Wraith	Benton Dene Primary	May-24	1
Secondary	Head	Kelly Holbrook	Longbenton	Sep-24	1
TOTAL					3
South West					
Phase	Role	Name	School	Term expires	Number
Primary	Head	Andrew James	St Aidan's	May-24	1
Primary	Head	Angi Gibson	Hadrian Park	Sep-22	1
Secondary	Head	Paul Johnson	Churchill	Oct-21	1
TOTAL					3
Other School members - Not locality based					
Phase	Role	Name	School	Term expires	Number
Primary/First	Governor	Michael Young	Spring Gardens	Jan-22	1
Primary/First	Governor	Peter Thorp	Redesdale	Dec-22	1
Secondary/Middle	Governor		Vacant		1
Secondary/Middle	Governor	David Bavaird	Norham High School	Dec-22	1
Nursery	Head	John Croft	Sir James Knott	Jan-22	1
PRU	Head	Karen Croskery	Moorbridge	Feb-22	1
Special	Head	Peter Gannon	Silverdale	Feb-22	1
Academy	Other	Kerry Lilico	Grasmere	Feb-22	1
Academy	Other	Philip Sanderson	Kings Priory	May-24	1
TOTAL					9
Non School members					
Phase	Role	Name	School	Term expires	Number
16-19 providers	Other	Marie Flatman	Tyne Metropolitan College	Dec-22	1
EY PVI	Other	Joanne Thompson	Holystone Out of School	Dec-21	1
C of E Diocese	Other	Louise Bradford	Christ Church C of E Primary S	Nov-24	1
RC Diocese	Other	David Watson	St Thomas More RC Academy	Feb-22	1
Trades Union	Other	Candy Mellor	Trade Union	May-24	1
TOTAL					5
Overall					27

North East					
Phase	Role	Name	School	Term expires	Number
Primary	Head	Finn Wilcock	Southridge First School	Oct-24	1
First	Head	Colleen Ward	Coquet Park First	Oct-24	1
Secondary	Head	Steve Wilson	Whitley Bay High	Jul-24	1
Middle	Head	John Newport	Marden Bridge	May-22	1
TOTAL					4
South East					
Phase	Role	Name	School	Term expires	Number
Primary	Head	Gavin Storey	Cullercoats	Jul-23	1
Primary	Head	Laura Baggett	Monkhouse	May-24	1
Secondary	Head	Matt Snape	Marden High	Oct-24	1
TOTAL					3

Membership Summary			
	Number	% Overall	
School	13	46%	<i>First/Primary</i> 8 <i>Middle/Secondary</i> 5
School-Non Locality	9	32%	13
Non-School	5	21%	
Total	27	100%	

Quorate 40% 12

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Secondary	Head	Kelly Holbrook	Longbenton	Sep-24	1	Secondary	Head	Steve Wilson	Whitley Bay High	Jul-24	1	
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						Total	29	100%				
						Quorate	40%	12				