

## **Schools Forum Membership Review/Update**

### **Key Messages**

Forum members are:

- Asked to note the revised constitution document for 2022/23 (Appendix 1) and the membership updates as set out below.
- Note the representatives' terms that have ended/are due to end and the current status of new nominations/elections.

### **1. Introduction/background**

1.1. The Constitution and Membership document of the Sheffield Schools Forum has undergone an annual review for 2022/23. The majority of the constitution document remains unchanged.

### **2. Proportionate representation**

2.1. The number of school representatives from academies, primary schools and secondary schools has been reviewed based on the October 2021 Census and is as follows:

	<b>Pupil Numbers</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>Representatives</b>
<b>Primary maintained</b>	20,128	27%	4
<b>Secondary maintained</b>	1,135	2%	1
<b>Academies (including special)</b>	52,672	71%	7
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,935</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12</b>
Special (maintained)	1,378		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,313</b>		<b>14</b>

### **3. Membership update**

The following membership changes are due over the coming months:

#### **3.1. Academy Representatives**

Chris French's term as a Forum member expired in March 2022 and Keith Crawshaw's term is due to end in September 2022. It should be noted that Keith Crawshaw is also the Vice-Chair of the Forum. Both expressed an interest in continuing the Forum, subject to following the usual nominations process.

We have written to academies and have received one new nomination. We are therefore currently in the process of asking academies to elect from the two existing members and the one new nomination with a deadline of 23 June.

#### **3.2. Primary Representatives**

Cathy Rowland's term on the Forum came to an end at the end of May 2022 and she has also expressed an interest in continuing to represent maintained primary schools on the Forum. We have written to the primary sector requesting any new nominations and have received one. We are therefore currently in the process of asking primary heads to elect from these two – the one new and the existing nomination – voting will conclude on 30 June.

#### **3.3. Chair**

As reported at the September 2021 Forum, Paul Stockley's latest two-year term as Chair came to an end and he expressed a wish to step-down as of December 2021. However, this role was not filled, and he agreed to continue until summer 2023 at the latest. Forum members are therefore again reminded to consider expressing an interest in this role.

#### **3.4. Elected Members**

Councillor Dawn Dale and Councillor Mick Rooney have now been confirmed as Co-Chairs for the Education, Children and Families Policy Committee. Therefore, as of the June meeting, Cllr Dale will attend the Forum meetings instead of Cllr Jayne Dunn.

### **4. Role of Forum and its Members**

Forum members are asked to remind themselves of the purpose/role of the Schools Forum and its members as set out in the Constitution and Membership document (Appendix 1).

## **5. Recommendations**

Forum members are asked to:

- Note the updated constitution document as per Appendix 1.
- Note the recent changes to membership as detailed above.
- Reminded to consider expressing an interest in the role of the Chair.