

**REPORT TO:** Schools Forum

**DATE:** 5 June 2024

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Interim Operational Director – Education,  
Inclusion & Provision

**SUBJECT:** Halton Schools Forum Membership Update

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide Schools Forum with a membership update.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

2.1 **Schools Forum notes the updates to membership as outlined.**

## **3.0 MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

- 3.1 Tammy Nairn, PVI Representative from Sandymoor Pre-School has resigned from the Forum last year. All PVI providers were invited to nominate themselves to represent the PVI Group on the Forum. This was facilitated by the Early Years Team Leader for HBC before her retirement. This exercise has been carried out twice, with no interest from the Group, so the vacancy remains, leaving one PVI representative on the Forum. A further canvass will take place before the summer holidays.
- 3.2 Kathryn Evans from OBA will represent the Secondary Academies with a 6<sup>th</sup> Form Group, as the only provider.
- 3.3 Claire Dalton, Secondary Academy Representative has resigned from the Forum in May 2024 and will be replaced by Matty Deeley from Wade Deacon, after being elected by the Secondary Academy Group of schools.
- 3.4 The Academy Primary Group representation remains vacant despite several canvasses. A further attempt at recruitment will take place before the summer holidays.
- 3.5 Mark Tudor from The Heath Academy has been elected by the Secondary Academy Group to replace Judith McConville who retired last year, as a Secondary Academy representative.
- 3.6 Jamie Jardine from The Grange is the replacement for Richard Hicks as the Representative for All Through Schools, as the only provider.
- 3.7 Joanne Robertson is the Representative for Primary (small schools) since February 2023, after being elected by community primaries.

- 3.8 Community Special Schools representation – due to the retirements of Heather Austin and Clare Ogden last year two replacements were made. As this Group consists of only two schools, the Headteacher from Chesnut Lodge, John Thompson, is now the Representative on the Forum and Ms Diane Wilson from Ashley School, will be his named substitute.
- 3.7 Ben Barton from Cronton 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, is the Representative for 16-19 Education Provision since February 2023, when Thalia Bell stood down.
- 3.8 Russell Houghton from Weston Primary School is appointed the Community Primary Governor Representative from February 2024.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The pressures on school and education budgets along with the proposed changes to schools and high needs funding means that it is vital that each sector has appropriate representation.

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

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
EFA - Schools Forum Operational and Good Practice Guide (March 2021)	HBC Office	Ann Jones/Ben Holmes
EFA – Schools Forum Structure (September 2018)	HBC Office	Ann Jones/Ben Holmes