

Oxfordshire Schools Forum 7 November 2018

Review of School Forum Constitution and Terms of Reference

Settings		Sector		Voting Entitlement (for decision papers only)	
Academies	✓	Foundation Stage	✓	PVI Representative	
Maintained Schools	✓	Primary	✓	16-19 Representative	
PVI Nurseries	✓	Secondary	✓	COTO Representative	
Special Schools	✓	Special	✓	Maintained Primary School Representatives	
Local Authority	✓	16+	✓	Academy Primary School Representatives	
Schools Forum	✓	High Needs	✓	Maintained Secondary School Representatives	
				Academy Secondary School Representatives	
				Pupil Referral Unit Representative	
				Special School Representatives	
				Nursery Representative	

1. Item for Information and Decision

2. Purpose of Report

A revised constitution and terms of reference was presented to Schools Forum in January 2018. The revised constitution reflected the national guidance covering election of representation from Academy trusts. As this guidance differed from current election process, there was some debate around the best election process. OCC were asked to write to Academy proprietary bodies to consult on the most practical method for election.

Schools Forum is asked to agree the updated constitution

3. Consultation

Academy Proprietary bodies for settings have been consulted on the following points:

- “Forum agreed that OCC should write to the proprietor bodies of Academy Primary and Secondary schools through the Chair of their Trust Board to explain that *Forum wishes to retain its current working practice to elect Academy representation* with the following addition for the Headteacher group that it should be a ‘Headteacher or other suitably qualified leader within a MAT’.”
- School Forum therefore proposes that Headteacher/ Senior Staff Academy representation will continue to be sought through the Headteacher groups and Governors will continue to be elected from Academy Governors, Members or Trustees.

Similar wording was used for the consultation with Special Academies. The consultation has taken the form of a letter direct to the Proprietary bodies requesting a response by November 5th 2018. Consultees were asked to respond if they didn't agree with the proposal.

At the time of writing, there have has been correspondence clarifying the proposal but no responses against the proposal. A final verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

4. Recommendations

School Forum is asked to agree the representation for academy settings as per the consultation proposal.

Representation for academy settings has been amended in the proposed Constitution attached at Annex A.

Schools Forum is asked to agree the revised constitution.

5. Equal Opportunities Implications and Impact on Equality Groups

None.

6. List of Annexes

Annex A: Schools Forum Constitution

6. Contact Details of Lead Officer/Author

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