



Walsall Children's Services

Report to:- Schools Forum

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Subject:- Membership Issues

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Purpose of the Report:- To update the Schools Forum on the current situation regarding vacancies and action being taken to fill those vacancies.

Recommendations:- This report is for information only.

1.0 Background

1.1 As the Forum is aware, the Constitution requires the membership of the Forum to comprise the following:-

- 4 Primary Heads
- 4 Secondary Heads
- 1 Special School Head
- 1 Nursery School Head
- 1 Early Years Development Child Care Partnership
- 4 Primary Governors
- 4 Secondary Governors
- 1 Special School Governor
- Church of England Diocese representative
- Catholic Diocese representative
- 1 Staffside representative
- 1 PVI representative
- 1 14 - 19 representative

- 1.2 In addition, observers are invited to attend Forum meetings from the following organisations:-

City Academy
Black Country LSC
Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
Pupil Referral Unit

2.0 **Vacancies**

- 2.1 Vacancies currently exist in the following categories:-

1 Secondary Governor
1 Special School Governor
1 Church of England Diocese representative
1 Catholic Diocese representative
1 Pupil Referral Unit representative (observer status only)

- 2.2 In addition, the terms of office of the following Forum Members will expire on 31st March, 2010:-

Mr. A. Davies, Primary Governor
Mr. E. Gee, Primary Governor
Mr. M. Sweeney, Secondary Governor

3.0 **Current Position**

- 3.1 Work is underway to fill the vacancies referred to at Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above. Letters have been sent to all Governors seeking expressions of interest in becoming a Governor representative on the Forum. Should more expressions of interest than vacancies be received, this will necessitate a ballot which will be carried out by the Constitutional Services Section at Walsall Council.

- 3.2 Letters have also been sent to the Church of England and Catholic Dioceses and the Pupil Referral Units seeking nominations. Replies are awaited.

4.0 **Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the report and action taken to fill vacancies on the Forum.

Clerk to the Forum.

