

MEETING:	SCHOOLS FORUM
DATE:	9 JULY 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	REVISED CONSTITUTION FOR SCHOOLS FORUM
OFFICER:	INTERIM ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide – All Schools.

Purpose

To consider an amendment to the constitution to include an Academies representative.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation(s)

That the Schools Forum approves the proposed amendment to the Schools Forum constitution, to include membership from Herefordshire Academies as proposed in paragraph 3 of the report.

Key Points Summary

- An amendment to the constitution to include an Academy representative.

Alternative Options

There are no alternative options.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 1 Whilst agreeing to make declarations of interest where appropriate using Herefordshire Council's Code for guidance, there should be provision for a specific Code regarding declarations of interest within the constitution of the Forum for its members to adhere to.
- 2 The current protocol does not ensure that Forum members are bound to disclose interests. The recommended protocol will ensure that members are duty bound to make disclosures in accordance with the Code as contained within the constitution.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
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Introduction and Background

- 3 The Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010 came into force on 1 April 2010 and a change which must be made in accordance with those Regulations is the requirement that the Forum must appoint a representative from Academies in the area as a full Forum member.
- 4 The Regulations state that at least one Academy member must be elected to the Schools Forum by the governing bodies of the Academies. To achieve a nomination from the Academies, such a nomination could be sought through the Academies Association/Group in the area. No such Group exists in Herefordshire with there being only two Academies. It is, therefore, proposed that the governing bodies be consulted with a view to one nominee representing both Academies. The attached Appendix shows in bold italics the proposed amendment to the constitution as it affects membership total and election arrangements for Academies.

Key Considerations

- 5 There is a need to amend the constitution in accordance with the 2010 Regulations and the proposals in the report achieve this aim.

Community Impact

- 6 None

Financial Implications

- 7 None

Legal Implications

- 8 None.

Risk Management

- 9 There are no known risks.

Consultees

- 10 None.

Appendices

Copy of the Schools Forum constitution.

Background Papers

Schools Forum constitution.

Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010 .