

REVIEW OF SCHOOLS FORUM – MEMBERSHIP AND CONSTITUTION

REPORT BY MANAGER OF LMS AND PLANNING

HEREFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

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Schools Affected

All schools

Purpose

1. To review the constitution of membership to reflect the greater responsibility that the Schools Forum has gained since it was introduced in 2002.

Financial Implications

2. The statutory regulations require the LEA to pay reasonable expenses to members of the Forum. There will be additional costs, especially on supply cover, for the increased school members.

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3. It was apparent from the training session from George Phipson, NAHT, that the Schools Forum would have an increased role in the management of the Schools Budget.
4. When the membership was set up in October, 2002 the Council decided to establish a committee with the minimum number of members. (15)
5. The revised membership recommends an increase in the Forum to 20 members based on the details defined in the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2002. In addition the number of primary and secondary representatives has been adjusted to reflect the changed pupil numbers in the primary and secondary section. The revised membership also suggests the following:

that the four non-school members should have two teaching representatives – one primary and one secondary.

that the secondary schools' representation should include a Deputy nominated by HASH and a Bursar or School Manager with specific responsibility for education finance.

the Forum should also allow named substitutes.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT: the Forum is invited to consider the revised constitution and membership and recommended additions/amendments as appropriate.

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