

Birmingham City Council

Schools Forum

Date - 26th October 2023



Subject: Schools Forum Constitution
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Decision to be made by: All forum representatives

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To present the Schools Forum Constitution to the Forum in order for representatives to ask any questions they may have and to make comments.
- 1.2 To consider whether discussions about the academy representation on the forum should change the constitution, in terms of representative proportionality of forum membership.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Forum members to vote on whether the constitution needs changing, in terms of forum membership, following discussion earlier in the meeting.

3 Background

- 3.1 The constitution of Schools Forum is appended and was agreed in 2021.
- 3.2 In point 12.1 of the Constitution it is stated that the content will be reviewed each year – although it states ‘in September’, the meeting of 26th October 2023 is the first meeting of this academic year so it is appropriate that this is listed on the agenda for this meeting.
- 3.3 Point 6.7 states: ‘Any amendment to this Constitution shall only be considered at a meeting for which at least 28 days’ notice has been given and shall be passed only on the approval of two thirds of the Members or their Substitutes present and voting.’ This will be relevant when a decision is being taken regarding any proposed amendments regarding membership as in 1.2 above.

4 Any Finance Implications

- 4.1 No finance implications

5 Any Legal Implications

- 5.1 To ensure compliance with the School Forums England Regulations 2012 and related guidance.

6 Any Equalities Implications

- 6.1 No equalities implications with relation to the Equalities Act 2010
- 6.2 However, there are implications around representation on the forum of different types of schools. Over time, the proportion of academies compared to the total number of schools in Birmingham has increased but the proportion of academy representatives on Schools Forum has remained the same.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 Constitution of the Birmingham Schools Forum