

Durham County Council Schools Forum Meeting, 29 June 2021, Item No 5, Forum Membership

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Report of Jeff Garfoot, Head of Corporate Finance and Commercial Services

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide an overview of changes to the membership of the Forum and to present to members with an updated schedule of Schools Forum members.

Voting

- 2 All members are entitled to vote on the recommendation in this report.

Recommendation(s)

- 3 Forum members are recommended to note the changes outlined in the report and the current updated position with regards to membership of the Forum, which is attached at Appendix A (members) and Appendix B (substitutes).

Background

- 4 Members are elected or nominated for each category according to the Forum's constitution. The constitution takes account of statutory guidance in determining membership categories and the numbers of members, which has regard to the pupil numbers in the different school and academy types. Members are elected or nominated for fixed terms and can be re-elected or re-nominated.
- 5 In view of the current pressures on schools, and the difficulties of conducting governor elections, members whose terms were due to expire before this meeting will be extended until after this meeting. Representative bodies will be asked to arrange for new nominations prior to the next meeting of the Forum in September.

Changes to membership

- 6 The following changes have been made to Forum membership:
 - (a) Annette Sowden, Anita Boyd and Bev Jones have been elected as Primary Headteacher Members.
 - (b) Kevin Reynolds has resigned as an Academy Member.
 - (c) Claire Oates, Andy Collishaw, and Karen Oliver have been elected as academy members,
 - (d) Dr Kate Jones has resigned as a PVI Representative.
- 7 The annual election for governor members was conducted over the summer as an online ballot. Results were:

Primary governors

- 8 Total ballot responses received = 297
 - Angela Vear, governor at Chester le Street CE Primary – 60 votes
 - Cllr Shirley Quinn, governor at St Mary's RC Primary Newton Aycliffe and Timothy Hackworth Primary – 41 votes
 - Carole Ann Barclay, governor at Shotton Hall Primary – 33 votes
 - Peter David Nichols, governor at Bowes / Cotherstone Federation – 32 votes

The above are elected as Primary Governor Members

- Jenny Linsley, governor at Tow Law Millennium Primary – 28 votes
- Pamela Monaghan, governor at Silver Tree Primary School – 26 votes
- Cllr Mamie Simmons, governor at Newton Hall Infants School, Framwellgate Primary School, Blue Coat Primary School and Trinity Special School and Sports College – 26 votes
- David Bowes, governor at St Francis CE Junior School Newton Aycliffe, Five Stones Learning Foundation incorporating St Michael's CE Primary School and Evenwood CE Primary – 15 votes
- Angela Smith, governor at St Anne's CE Primary and Nursery – 12 votes
- Stephen Forster, governor at Lumley Junior School – 6 votes

- **The above are elected as Substitute Primary Governor Members**

- John Blissett, governor at Montalbo Primary – 3 votes
- Late ballot responses – 1
- Void ballot responses (more than one vote) – 14

Secondary governors

- 9 A single nomination was received for Professor Simon Morris (Durham Johnston) who is **elected as Secondary Governor Member.**

Special governors

- 10 Total ballot responses received = 34

- Philip Chater, governor at Walworth School – 22 votes
Elected as Special School Governor Member

- Stephen Bowron, governor at The Oaks, Spennymoor – 7 votes **Elected as Substitute Special School Governor Member**
- Cllr Mamie Simmons, governor at Durham Trinity Special School and Sports College – 4 votes
- Late ballot responses - 0
- Void ballot responses (more than one vote) – 1

11 Kevin Reynolds has ceased to be an academy member following his retirement.

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Appendix A: Current Forum Membership

There are 50 members and a quorum is 40%, or 20 members.

12 Members are listed below by category, showing the number of members included in the constitution, their school, (for maintained school members) and their term of office.

Nursery Head Teacher (one member)

- Susan Simon (Langley Moor Nursery), 13 February 2020 to 12 February 2024

Nursery school Governor (one member)

- William Smith (Horden Nursery), 10 June 2019 to 9 June 2023

Primary Headteachers (nine members)

- Stephen Cornforth (Willington Primary), 2 March 2018 to 1 March 2022
- Louise Templeton (Moorside Primary), 26 March 2019 to 25 March 2023
- Helen Tait, (St Margaret's CE Primary), 28 November 2019 to 27 November 2023
- Dr Sandra Whitton (Finchale Primary), 28 November 2019 to 27 November 2023
- Cathy Lee (Pittington Primary), 28 November 2019 to 27 November 2023
- Anita Boyd (Shotton Hall Primary), 7 July 2021 to 6 July 2025
- Annette Sowden (St Mary's RCVA Primary, Newton Aycliffe), 7 July 2021 to 6 July 2025
- Bev Jones (Easington Colliery Primary), 7 July 2021 to 6 July 2025
- One vacancy

Primary Governors (seven members)

- Sally Clark (Hutton Henry C of E), 10 October 2019 to 9 October 2023
- Prof David Waugh (St Michael's C of E), 10 October 2019 to 9 October 2023
- Joanne Carr (Collierley Primary & St Patrick's RVCA, Dipton), 10 October 2019 to 9 October 2023
- Angela Vear (Chester-le-Street CE), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- Councillor Shirley Quinn (St Mary's RC Newton Aycliffe and Timothy Hackworth), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- Carole Barclay (Shotton Hall), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- Peter Nichols (Bowes Hutchinson and Cotherstone), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025

Secondary Headteachers (two members)

- Paul Marsden (Belmont), 10 May 2021 to 9 May 2025
- Susan Hope (Greenfield), 7 June 2021 to 6 June 2025

Secondary Governors (one member)

- Professor Simon Morris (Durham Johnston), 8 July 2021 to 7 July 2025

Special Headteacher (one member)

- Rachel Grimwood (Durham Trinity), 28 March 2019 to 27 March 2023

Special Governor (one member)

- Philip Chater (Walworth), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025

Representative of Maintained Pupil Referral Units (one member)

- Lesley Candler (The Woodlands), 12 November 2019 to 11 November 2023

Academies (twelve members)

- Kevin Brennan, 19 September 2018 to 18 September 2022
- Andy Byers, 19 September 2018 to 18 September 2022
- Madeleine Hope, 26 November 2020 to 25 November 2024
- Jane Henderson, 26 November 2020 to 25 November 2024
- Janet Willis, 8 March 2021 to 7 March 2025
- Kirsty Whitehouse, 8 March 2021 to 7 March 2025
- Jonathan Coates, 8 March 2021 to 7 March 2025
- Lee Alexander, 8 March 2021 to 7 March 2025
- Ken Neild, 8 March 2021 to 7 March 2025
- Claire Oates, 19 August 2021 to 18 August 2025
- Andy Collishaw, 19 August 2021 to 18 August 2025
- Karen Oliver, 19 August 2021 to 18 August 2025

Special Academies (one member)

- Mick Little (Hopewood Academy), 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023

Providers of 16 to 19 Education (one member)

- Richard Hinch, 20 November 2019 to 19 November 2023

Private, Voluntary and Independent Nurseries (PVI, two members)

- Hannah Dexter, 29 April 2021 to 28 April 2025
- One vacancy

Roman Catholic Diocese (one member)

- Lee Duncan, 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023

Church of England Diocese (one member)

- Lindsey Vollans 6 June 2019 to 5 June 2023

National Education Union (NEU) Representative (one member)

- Ian Bain, 26 August 2020 to 25 August 2024

NASUWT Representative (one member)

- Dan Lister, 7 June 2017 to 6 June 2021

National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) Representative (one member)

- Rachel Brannan, 11 May 2021 (temporary)

Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) Representative (one member)

- One vacancy

Unison Representative (one member)

- Helen Cook, 19 September 2019 to 18 September 2023

GMB Representative (one member)

- Les Timbey, 7 June 2021 to 6 June 2025

Durham Association of Secondary Headteachers (DASH) (one observer)

- Wendy Pattison, 8 March 2021 to 7 March 2025

Looked After Children /Special Educational Needs / Hospital Education (one member)

- Melanie Stubbs, 10 March 2021 to 9 March 2025

Elected County Council Observers (one member)

- Councillor Ted Henderson

Appendix B: Current Forum Substitute Membership

- 13 Substitute members are listed below by category, showing the number of members included in the constitution, their school, (for maintained school members) and the term of office. There is provision in the constitution of the Forum for a substitute member for all members, with substitute members able to attend in place of an absent member. For both nursery and special school governors there is an extra substitute member. The extra substitute members are to recognise that in the event of a vacancy for the governor member there may be a significant period of time before the election of a replacement member.

Nursery Head Teacher Substitute (one member)

- Julia Graham (Beehcdale Nursery), 20 April 2018 to 19 April 2022

Nursery school Governor Substitutes (two members)

- Two vacancies

Primary Headteacher Substitutes (nine members)

- Tricia Monk (North Park Primary), 9 May 2019 to 8 May 2023
- Joanne Shaw (Catchgate Primary), 9 May 2019 to 8 May 2023
- Emily Stevens (Cockton Hill Junior), 9 May 2019 to 8 May 2023
- Six vacancies

Primary Governor Substitutes (seven members)

- Vanessa Kind (St Oswald's CE Primary & Nursery), 10 October 2019 to 9 October 2023
- Jenny Linsley (Tow Law Millennium), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- Pam Monaghan (Silver Tree), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- Councillor Mamie Simmons (Newton Hall Infants, Framwellgate and Blue Coat), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- David Bowes (St Francis CE Junior Newton Aycliffe, St Michael's CE Primary School and Evenwood CE Primary), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025

- Angela Smith (St Anne's CE Primary and Nursery), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- Stephen Forster (Lumley Junior), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025

Secondary Headteacher Substitutes (two members)

- Andy O'Sullivan (Durham Johnston), 1 March 2020 to 29 February 2024
- One vacancy

Secondary School Governor Substitutes (one member)

- One vacancy

Special Headteacher Substitutes (one member)

- Andrea English (The North & South West Durham Learning Federation), 28 March 2019 to 27 March 2023

Special School Governor Substitutes (two members)

- Stephen Bowron (The North & South West Durham Learning Federation), 16 August 2021 to 15 August 2025
- One vacancy

Representative of Maintained Pupil Referral Unit Substitute (one member)

- Sharon Henderson, 12 November 2019 to 11 November 2023

Academies Substitutes (twelve members)

- Shawn Laws, 19 June 2019 to 18 June 2023
- Gillian Pigott, 11 September 2019 to 10 September 2023
- Ten vacancies

Special Academies Substitute (one member)

- Adele Pearson (Hopewood Academy), 10 June 2019 to 9 June 2023

Providers of 16 to 19 education Substitute (one member)

- One vacancy

Private, Voluntary and Independent Nurseries Substitutes (PVI, two members)

- Dr Jane Todd, 29 April 2021 to 28 April 2025
- One vacancy

Roman Catholic Diocese Substitute (one member)

- Michael Tiplady, 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023

Church of England Diocese Substitute (one member)

- Kirsty Harrison-Brown, 10 June 2019 to 9 June 2023

National Education Union (NEU) Substitute (one member)

- Vicky Bain, 26 August 2020 to 25 August 2024

NASUWT Representative Substitute (one member)

- Deborah Egglestone, 7 June 2021 to 6 June 2025

National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) Substitute (one member)

- One vacancy

Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) Substitute (one member)

- One vacancy

Unison Substitute (one member)

- Tom McCully, 19 September 2019 to 18 September 2023

GMB Substitute (one member)

- One vacancy

Durham Association of Secondary Headteachers (DASH) Substitute (one observer)

- One vacancy

Looked After Children /Special Educational Needs / Hospital Education
Substitute (one member)

- One vacancy