
Meeting: Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum
Date: 14 October 2013
Subject: Revised Membership of the Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum
Report of: Mel Peaston, Committee Services Manager
Summary: This report advises of the changes to membership of Schools Forums as identified in the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: None
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

- Improved educational attainment.

Financial:

1. N/A

Legal:

2. The Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Schools Forum were previously drawn up to comply with Regulations issued in 2010. New Regulations were issued in 2012.

Risk Management:

3. N/A

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4. N/A

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. To ensure that any decision does not unfairly discriminate, public authorities must be rigorous in reporting to Members the outcome of an equality impact assessment and the legal duties.

6. Public Authorities must ensure that decisions are made in a way which minimises unfairness, and without a disproportionately negative effect on people from different ethnic groups, disabled people, women and men. It is important that Councillors are aware of this duty before they take a decision.

Public Health

7. N/A

Community Safety:

8. N/A

Sustainability:

9. N/A

Procurement:

10. N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Forum is asked to:

note the change of membership to the Forum required by the Department for Education as detailed in their report, titled School Funding Reform: Findings from the Review of 2013 to 2014 - Arrangements and Changes for 2014 to 2015, for a post 16 education representative in place of the existing Local Authority 14 – 19 Partnership representative.

Information

11. The Central Bedfordshire Schools Forum Constitution and Terms of Reference has previously been amended to comply with the provisions of The Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2010. New Regulations were issued in 2012, which include a requirement to comply with the membership provisions by 1 October 2012.
12. The Forum has accordingly updated its membership provisions and the Constitution and Terms of Reference were reviewed and updated 24 January 2013 (minute CBSF/12/85 refers). The current Constitution and Terms of Reference document is attached at Appendix A. The Department for Education's report: The School Funding Reform: Findings from the Review of 2013 to 2014 – Arrangements and Changes for 2014 to 2015 can be found on the Department for Education's website. Pages 23 and 24 of that report which refer to Schools Forums are attached at Appendix B.

13. The Forum is therefore asked to review the Constitution and Terms of Reference attached at Appendix A, which has been amended in line with the 2012 Regulations, and propose any further amendments so that the document can be re-drafted and brought back to the next meeting for approval.

Appendices: Appendix A – Constitution and Terms of Reference

Appendix B – The School funding reform: findings from the review of 2013 to 2014 – arrangements and changes for 2014 to 2015 (pages 23 and 24)

Background Papers: (open to public inspection) None