

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Appointment of Representative to the Schools' Forum</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Special Council Executive Committee on 29 October 2009
<b>WARD</b>	None specific
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	Susanne Nelson-Wehrmeyer, Head of Governance and Democratic Services
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	David Lee, Leader of Council

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To appoint a replacement Member representative on the Schools' Forum.

**OUTCOMES**

Elected Member representation on the Schools' Forum as part of the non-schools group allows for consultative dialogue between Head Teachers, Governors, Officers of the Council and decision makers on matters relating to schools' funding. This helps support the Council's priority of providing excellent children's services and skills for all.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee appoint a Member to replace Councillor John Kersley on the Schools' Forum from the names put forward at the meeting.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION****Background**

Councillor John Kersley was reappointed as the single elected member representative on the Schools' Forum at Annual Council on 14 May 2009.

Schools' Forum was created following the introduction of the Education Act 2002 and its purpose is to advise local authorities on the operation of the local schools' budget and its distribution among schools and other bodies.

The operation and composition of Schools' Forums are governed by statutory regulations and the School's Forums (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 now prohibits the appointment of any member of a Council's Executive as a non-schools member of this body. Therefore it has become necessary to replace Councillor Kersley on the Forum.

Elected member representation on the Forum is part of the non-schools group and only a single place is available.

The appointment to the Schools' Forum is made by Annual Council on a yearly basis and as it is not an outside body it is not possible to make an in-year appointment via the Individual Executive Member Decision Making Protocol.

Nominations to replace Councillor Kersley have been sought from both political groups and these will be reported at the meeting.

**Corporate Implications**

It is not considered that the appointment would not have any financial implications.

There would be implications if a Councillor representative was not appointed to the Schools' Forum as there would not be any Members involved in the consultative dialogue on schools' funding.

**Reasons for Decision**

There is a need to appoint a Member representative on the Schools' Forum to replace Councillor John Kersley.

**Alternative Options considered, if any**

Not to have Member representation on the Schools' Forum.

**Reasons for considering the report in Part 2**

N/A.

**List of Background Papers**

The Schools' Forums (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2008

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