

Agenda Item 46

TITLE	Schools Forum Membership Review
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Schools Forum on 6 July 2022
WARD	None Specific;
DIRECTOR	Sal Thirlway – Assistant Director for Learning Achievement and Partnerships

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

A Schools Forum that is fairly representative of the schools community will be better placed to make decisions with regards to schools finance.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Schools Forum considers the information provided for a decision on its membership for the next academic year;
- 2) That Schools Forum retains the membership structure as currently established.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report contains information about the number of pupils on roll per each school type.

Background

Schools Forum undertakes an annual review of its membership to ensure that it continues to have a representation that is indicative of the schools' make up in the borough.

For the purpose of this report, we are taking into account the number of pupils on roll as at the time of the October 2021 census. The number of pupils on roll are as follows:

	NOR	Number of schools	% of the total NOR
Maintained Primaries	8,877	29	57%
Academy Primaries	6,637	25	43%
Total number of primary pupils	15,514		
Maintained Secondary	1,187	1	11%
Academy Secondaries	9,148	9	89%
Special Schools			
Foundry College	47		
Addington	255		
Chiltern way	48 (increasing to 54 in September)		
Willow House	16		
Total	366 (372 in September)		

Analysis of Issues

Schools Forum is asked to consider the current membership structure and decide if any changes are needed for the next academic year.

It is anticipated that All Saints Primary School will become an academy by 1 September 2022, and the number of pupils on roll above reflect this change. Therefore, the only difference from the last academic year, is that one primary school changed to academy status, this represents 239 pupils.

Appendix A – the current membership structure

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe funding pressures, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	n/a		

Next Financial Year (Year 2)	n/a		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	n/a		

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
n/a

Cross-Council Implications
n/a

Public Sector Equality Duty
Please confirm that due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty has been taken and if an equalities assessment has been completed or explain why an equalities assessment is not required.

Climate Emergency – <i>This Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to playing as full a role as possible – leading by example as well as by exhortation – in achieving a carbon neutral Wokingham Borough by 2030</i>
n/a

List of Background Papers
n/a

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