

SCHOOLS' FUNDING FORUM (SFF)

SUBJECT:	SFF – Membership, Pending Elections and change in the size of Group Representation
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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This paper has been compiled in order to update the SFF on membership vacancies, pending elections and changes to the group representation resulting from the increase in the number of pupils attending Academies.

FOR:	Information and Decision
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1. Introduction

The content of this paper provides detail on the following items:

- Members that have left the SFF since the meeting on the 22nd November or will not be standing for re-election.
- Pending SFF member elections and revised group representation
- Chairperson and Vice Chairperson SFF elections.

2. Members that have left the SFF since our meeting on the 22nd November or will not be standing for re-election

2.1 It is with great sadness that it is recorded the death of Richard Hithchin who passed away early in January. His opinion was always to be heard and valued, he will be missed by members of the SFF.

2.2 Simon Foulkes (representing – Diocese) has now moved to a different roll outside of the Diocese. Members of the SFF would like to thank Simon for his valuable input into SFF matters during his period of membership.

2.3 Adrian Cottrell (representing Post 16) recently left Canterbury College. Members of the SFF would like to thank Adrian for his valuable input into SFF matters during his period of membership.

2.4 Julia Campbell (representing non-selective schools) has left Holmesdale Technology College to take up a new role with Association of School College and Leaders (ASCL) as the South East's Regional Officer. Members of the SFF would like to thank Julia for her valuable input into SFF matters during her period of membership.

3. Pending SFF member elections and revised group representation

3.1 Appendix 1, section A provides an overview of the current group structure of the SFF, it also breaks this down further into the current status of membership groups as follows:

- In place and not due for election – 11 members
- Vacant – 5 members
- Number due for election – 9 members.

3.2 The SFF regulations state that primary schools, secondary schools and academies must be broadly proportionately represented on SFFs, based on the total number of pupils registered at them. Appendix 1, section B is a calculation that determines the membership representation based on pupil numbers as at October 2015.

3.3 This calculation only applies to Local Authority (LA) governors, maintained primary schools, maintained secondary schools and academies as all of the other groups must have and only have one member representative or the LA appoints the representative.

3.4 Due to the number of pupils now attending academies, the split between maintained schools representatives and academies representatives has now changed from 11 maintained representatives and 6 academy representatives to 9 and 8 respectively.

3.5 Appendix 1 section C is the new group membership after applying the change to pupil numbers since October 2015. On the basis of the new grouping and some members period of office coming to an end a number of elections are now due to take place between the SFF meetings on the 22nd April and 8th July.

3.6 Appendix 2 provides details of the SFF membership as at the 22nd April

3.7 Appendix 3 provides details of the vacancies that need to be appointed to.

4. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson SFF elections.

4.1 The annual election for SFF Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will take place shortly after the 22nd April for the period May 2016 to April 2017.

4.2 The process for appointing to these positions will be as per agreed protocol and will be conducted via email.

5. Recommendations

5.1 SFF members are requested :

- 1) to note the changes in section 2
- 2) Ratify the election timetables in sections 3 and 4