

Old vs proposed new membership breakdown:

Comparison Membership Breakdown		
	OLD	Proposed (NEW)
Schools Members		
Maintained Primary	5	5
Maintained Secondary	1	1
Maintained Governor Primary	3	2 (-1)
Maintained Governor Secondary	2	1 (-1)
Maintained Primary and Secondary Total	11	9 (-2)
Special Schools (Maintained)	1	1
PRU (Maintained)	1	1
School Members Total	13	11 (-2)
Academies Members		
Academy Primary	1	3 (+2)
Academy Secondary	3	6 (+3)
Academies Primary and Secondary Total	4	9 (+5)
Special Academies	0	1 (+1)
Academies Members Total	4	10 (+6)
Non-School Members		
16 to 19 Provider	1	1
Early Years (PVI)	1	1
Trade Union Representative	1	1
Non-School Members Total	3	3
Schools Forum Total Membership	20	24

Below is set out the chart used to calculate the new membership structure.

The aim was to ensure that Schools Forum reflected the proportionality based on pupil numbers across maintained and academy schools.

The reasoning behind the change is specified in the Schools Forum - operational and good practice guide – 2021:

Point 16 – “Schools and academies members together must number at least two-thirds of the total membership of the schools forum and the balance between maintained primary, maintained secondary and academies members must be broadly proportionate to the pupil numbers in each category”

Point 25 – “Whatever the membership structure of schools members on a schools forum, the important issue is that it should reflect most effectively the profile of education provision across the local authority to ensure that there is not an in-built bias towards any one phase or group”.

Please note that in addition to the members noted above there remains provision for an ‘Alternative Provision Academies’ member if required.

The Local Authority also retains the right to appoint elected member/members.

Breakdown Figures:

Pupil Number - Totals			
Pupil Numbers across All Primary and Secondary – 59,136			
Maintained Primary	Maintained Secondary	Academy Primary	Academy Secondary
24,282	4,704	9,991	20,159
41%	8%	17%	34%
Maintained Total		Academy Total	
28,986		30,150	
49%		51%	
Maintained Breakdown		Academy Breakdown	
Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
84%	16%	33%	67%
Proposed Membership Breakdown - 18 Members - 50-50 Split			
Maintained Primary	Maintained Secondary	Academy Primary	Academy Secondary
5 (+2)	1 (+1)	3	6
39%	11%	17%	33%
Maintained Breakdown		Academy Breakdown	
78%	22%	33%	67%
*Based on School Census Spring (January 2023)			

Option 1

Draft Membership Breakdown	
Schools Members	
Maintained Primary	5
Maintained Secondary	1
Maintained Governor Primary	2
Maintained Governor Secondary	1
Maintained Primary and Secondary Total	9
Special Schools (Maintained)	1
PRU (Maintained)	1
School Members Total	11
Academies Members	
Academy Primary	3
Academy Secondary	6
Academies Primary and Secondary Total	9
Special Academies	1
Academies Members Total	10
Non-School Members	
16 to 19 Provider	1
Early Years (PVI)	1
Trade Union Representative	1
Non-School Members Total	3
Schools Forum Total Membership	24

Option 2

Draft Membership Breakdown	
Schools Members	
Maintained Primary	5
Maintained Secondary	1
Maintained Governor Primary	2
Maintained Governor Secondary	1
Maintained Primary and Secondary Total	9
Special Schools (Maintained)	1
PRU (Maintained)	1
School Members Total	11
Academies Members	
Academy Primary	2
Academy Secondary	4
Academy Governor Primary	1
Academy Governor Secondary	2
Academies Primary and Secondary Total	9
Special Academies	1
Academies Members Total	10
Non-School Members	
16 to 19 Provider	1
Early Years (PVI)	1
Trade Union Representative	1
Non-School Members Total	3
Schools Forum Total Membership	24

Option 3

Draft Membership Breakdown	
Schools Members	
Maintained Primary	5
Maintained Secondary	1
Maintained Governor Primary	2
Maintained Governor Secondary	1
Maintained Primary and Secondary Total	9
Special Schools (Maintained)	1
PRU (Maintained)	1
School Members Total	11
Academies Members	
Academy Members	9
Academies Total	9
Special Academies	1
Academies Members Total	10
Non-School Members	
16 to 19 Provider	1
Early Years (PVI)	1
Trade Union Representative	1
Non-School Members Total	3
Schools Forum Total Membership	24