

SUBJECT:	SCHOOL BUDGET FINANCE FORUM – PROPOSED CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP
MEETING:	CABINET
CABINET MEMBER:	
DATE:	1st May 2019
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose changes in the membership of the school budget forum to include two new members, one school member and one non-school member.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree to increase the membership of the school budget forum by two members, one school and one non-school member.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The Schools Budget Forum is a statutory consultative body established in 2003 following changes in the regulations from Welsh Government.
- 3.2 The role of the forum membership is a consultative body to scrutinise any decisions regarding funding for schools and to make recommendations to be taken forward, they are not a decision making body, but it is important that their views are taken into account.
- 3.3 Members represent the wide school community and include headteachers, governors, unions, the current terms of reference are included in appendix 1.
- 3.4 The current membership is for 20 members, 5 of these are non-school members including 1 representative from all unions. The regulations state that no more than 25% of the membership can be non-school members.
- 3.5 The union representative is currently filled by a member of the NASUWT union.
- 3.6 The chair and vice chair are elected annually, the current chair is Mrs Allison Waters (Primary Headteacher) and the vice chair is Mrs Elspeth Lewis (Secondary Headteacher).

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 The members have received a request to increase the membership to include 2 members from unions.

4.2 To accommodate this it would take the non-schools members above 25% and therefore it is also necessary to increase the school membership by 1.

4.3 Therefore the proposal would also to increase the membership of primary school governors from 3 to 4.

4.4 The union membership would be open to all teaching and non-teaching unions and the representative would be appointed via the joint advisory group. The term of office is two years for all members.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 There are no resource implications, members can claim expenses however has never exceeded the budget.

6. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING)

6.1 This is attached in appendix 2.

7. CONSULTEES:

7.1 Departmental Management Team
School budget forum members
Joint Advisory Group.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

School budget forum terms of reference updated in June 2014.

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