

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BUDGET FINANCE FORUM – PROPOSED CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP.
MEETING: INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER’S DECISION.
DATE TO BE CONSIDERED: 13th SEPTEMBER 2023.
WARDS AFFECTED: AII.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose changes in the membership of the school budget forum for the school membership only.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree the changes which will be implemented for the following meeting.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The School Budget Funding Forum is a statutory consultative body which was established in 2003 following changes in the regulations from Welsh Government.
- 3.2 The role of the forum is to scrutinise any decisions regarding funding for schools and to make recommendations. It is not a decision-making body, but it is important that their views are heard. The current terms of reference are shown in appendix 1.
- 3.3 Members represent the wider school community and include headteachers, governors, professional bodies and local authority representatives, the current membership is also shown in appendix 1. (1.3.1)
- 3.4 The current membership is made up of 24 members: 75% are school members and 25% non-school members.
- 3.5 The total membership will remain at 24 there will be no changes to the non-school membership but the number of primary school members will increase by 2 and the number of secondary school members will decrease by 2.
- 3.6 The school membership should be representative with the number of pupils on role at our schools, currently 57% of pupils are in primary schools and 43% in secondary schools. The pupil referral service will be represented by a secondary headteacher. The proposed membership is detailed in appendix 2.

4.0 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Option	Benefit	Risks
1. Make no changes to the current membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are no benefits to this option.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current membership does not reflect the school population.• The current membership is not in line with the regulations.
2. Review the school membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It will be reflective of the school population.• It will be inline with the regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a small risk that schools will not want to be members of the forum which will result in vacancies not being filled.

5. REASONS

- 5.1 The membership has not been reviewed since 2019 and as the school population has changed the membership is no longer reflective of this and is contrary to the regulations.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications, the forum does not have a budget.

7. WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING & CORPORATE PARENTING)

See attached in appendix 3.

8. CONSULTEES

School Budget Forum Members
Cabinet Member
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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

School Budget Forum Terms of Reference

School Budget Forum (Wales) Regulations 2003.

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