

Chair/Vice-Chair and Membership Update

Key Messages

Forum members are asked to:

- Note and endorse the proposed Chair/Vice-Chair arrangements.
- Note the other changes to membership as per below including the latest round of academy elections.

1. Chair/Vice-Chair arrangements

- 1.1. Forum members were previously asked to volunteer to replace Paul Stockley as the Forum Chair. Nigel Brooke-Smith volunteered to undertake the role of Vice-Chair. As a result, the existing Vice-Chair, Keith Crawshaw has therefore now volunteered to step into the role of Chair after the February 2023 Forum meeting subject to ratification by the Forum.
- 1.2. The Forum expresses its thanks to Paul for his hard work and commitment as Chair over a period of many years. Also, to Nigel and Keith for offering to step into these roles.

2. Other membership updates

2.1. Special Schools Representation

- Sacha Schofield stepped down prior to the summer as the special head representative and a replacement has not yet been found.
- Laura Gillespie's term as special governor representative also comes to an end in December. We thank her for her valued contribution to the Forum and are looking to recruit a replacement for both Laura and Sacha.

2.2. 16-19 Representative

This seat has been vacant for some time, but we are now pleased to welcome James Smythe from the Sheffield College to represent the 16-19 sector on the Forum.

2.3. Academy Elections

Both Morag Somerville and Jim Dugmore's terms are due to end/have recently ended. Academies were asked to nominate representatives to fill these two seats. Both Jim and Morag were nominated again, along with two new

nominees and we are currently awaiting the outcome of voting within the sector.¹

3. Recommendations

Forum members are asked to:

- Endorse the proposed changes to the roles of Chair/Vice-Chair – that Keith Crawshaw becomes Chair and that Nigel-Brooke-Smith takes on the role of Vice-Chair, after the February 2023 Forum (alongside the other existing Vice-Chair, David Dennis).
- Note the other updates to membership and promote/suggest replacements for the retiring special school representatives.

¹ Voting closes on 9 December and a verbal update will be given at the meeting of the Forum on 14 December