

Wirral Governors' Forum

Constitution

As approved at the General Business Meeting of 17th June 2014

1. The Wirral Governors' Forum, hereinafter referred to as the 'Forum', shall be an Association of Governing Bodies of Schools and Academies within the Wirral Local Authority (LA) area.
2. The aims of the Forum are to provide opportunities for Governors to come together for the purpose of encouraging Governors to:
 - participate fully in the deliberation of their Governing Bodies;
 - be involved more effectively in the life of their schools and academies in the advancement of education across the Borough.
 - to act as a stakeholder in the promotion of local governor development for those schools & academies and to be so represented on Wirral Borough Council committees and working groups connected with Wirral Children and Young People's Services
 - to elect governor representatives on the Wirral Schools' Forum every four years
 - establishing links between Governing Bodies in order to:
 - provide a collective voice;
 - encourage co-operation between schools and academies;
 - share knowledge experience of good practice; and
 - look at methods for addressing areas of common concern.
 - seeking to form a partnership with other groups in the Education and Children's Service both locally, regionally and nationally.
3. All Governing Bodies of community, aided & voluntary controlled schools and academies within the LA shall be deemed to be in membership of the Forum and will have the right to elect a Link Representative who with all other representatives shall constitute the Forum.
4. The management of the Forum will be vested in a Committee of no less than Eight Link Representatives with a maximum of Twelve Link Representatives.
5. The Committee shall appoint from its members a Chair/Executive Member, a Vice Chair, and a Treasurer/Authorising Officer who shall hold office for four years. Four members of the Committee, one of whom shall be an Officer, shall constitute a quorum.
6. A General Business Meeting of the Forum held once every four years shall be open to all governors.
7. There should be at least two open meetings each year arranged by the Forum which shall be open to all Link Representatives and/or their representatives in addition to those Director's Briefing meetings arranged each term in conjunction with the Wirral Local Authority and its senior officers specifically arranged for Chairs of Governing Bodies and/or their representatives.

8. A governor representative of the Wirral Schools' Forum will give a report to the Forum at any of those open meetings.
9. The Committee and the Director of Wirral Children's Services will agree the level of administrative support to be provided by the Governor Support Section and the level of annual expenditure to be allocated by the Director of Wirral Children and Young People's Services.
10. Any income and expenditure shall be operated in the name of Wirral Governors' Forum, with the administration of expenditure undertaken by the Wirral Children & Young People's Department subject to the approval of the Treasurer/Authorising Officer. The financial year shall begin on the first of April of each year.
11. The Forum shall be independent of the Wirral Local Authority's Children and Young People's Department and political parties and shall be non-sectarian.
12. The Forum shall maintain Membership of the National Governors' Association at the appropriate membership rate for each school represented
13. Any matter not provided for in this Constitution shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision shall be final.
14. Any proposal to change the Constitution of the Forum shall be made in writing to the Chairperson/Executive Member 21 days before either a General Business Meeting or an open meeting and shall be supported by 60 per cent of those link governors present.
15. The Forum may be dissolved by resolution put to an Extraordinary General Meeting receiving 60 per cent of the votes of those link representatives attending.