

## Schools Forum – Update on Appointments

To: Schools Forum

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From: Tamar Oviatt-Ham – Democratic Services Officer

Purpose: To update Schools Forum on recent appointments.

Recommendation: Schools Forum is recommended to note the new appointments outlined in section 3.1 of the report.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 This report sets out details of appointments to vacancies and appointments up for re-election.

## 2. Update

- 2.1 It was reported as part of the proportionality review of Schools Forum at its meeting on 14 July 2023 that there were a number of appointments up for re-election as terms of office were coming to an end as listed below:

### **Maintained Appointments x 2**

- Sasha Howard - Headteacher, Meldreth Primary School
- Guy Underwood - Headteacher, Great Abington Primary

### **Academy Appointments x 5**

- Susannah Connell - CEO Diamond Learning Partnership Trust
- Adrian Ball - Chief Executive Officer, Diocese of Ely
- Christopher Bennett - Headteacher, St Peter's School, Huntingdon
- John King - Aspire Learning Trust
- Ryan Kelsall - Eastern Learning Alliance

- 2.2 There was also one vacancy in relation to academy appointments and one vacancy in relation to maintained appointments as the vice chair Paul Stratford had given notice of his resignation from the forum.

- 2.3 Since the July 2023 report, there was also notification of the following:

- The Maintained Nursery School Representative Alex Pearson has stepped down.
- The Teacher Union Member Representative Jon Duveen has stepped down.
- John King, Aspire Learning Trust has stepped down.

## 3. Appointments

- 3.1 It has now been confirmed that:

### **Maintained Appointments**

- Sasha Howard - Headteacher, Meldreth Primary School will remain as a Maintained Schools Representative.
- Karen Scott, Head of Centre at Histon Early Years Centre, will replace Alex Pearson as the Maintained Nursery School Representative.

The replacement for Guy Underwood (Maintained School Representative) and Paul Stratford (Maintained Governor Representative) were not finalised at the time of publication.

## **Academy Appointments**

- Susannah Connell - CEO Diamond Learning Partnership Trust, will remain as the Academy Primary Representative
- Adrian Ball - Chief Executive Officer, Diocese of Ely, will remain as an Academy representative.
- Christopher Bennett - Headteacher, St Peter's School, Huntingdon, will remain as an Academy representative.
- Ryan Kelsall, Eastern Learning Alliance will remain as an Academy representative.
- Richard Scott, Principal at Thomas Clarkson Academy will join as an Academy representative.
- Peter Law, Principal Comberton Village College will join as an Academy representative.

We are awaiting a nomination from the Early Years Reference Group ahead of the discussion at the next Forum on the early years allocation. We have written to Colleges to seek a new representative for Post 16 education.

## **Non Voting members**

- Helen Brook has replaced Jon Duveen as the Teacher Union Membership Representative.

## **4. Source documents**

### **4.1 Not applicable**