



BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH, and POOLE SCHOOLS FORUM

Subject	Extension of Terms of Office of Schools Forum Members
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Status	Public
Classification	For decision
Executive Summary	To agree that the term of office of members of schools forum be extended until the end of the current school year
Recommendations	Schools Forum: a) agrees that the terms of office of current members of schools forum be extended until the end of the current school year (i.e. until 31 st August 2022) b) any place falling vacant before 31 st August 2022 will be filled by a by-election conducted in the same way as normal elections to schools forum
Reasons for Recommendations	The Department for Education is moving towards a “hard” national funding formula. In that context the future role of Schools Forum is uncertain. Continuing with the current membership represents the most efficient use of resources for a limited period until the future role of the forum becomes clear.

Background

1. The past 18 months have seen considerable disruption to schools and the local authority as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, schools funding is increasingly determined by a national schools funding formula, with unknown implications for the future of Schools Forum.
2. Renewing the membership of Schools Forum through elections would require administrative resources on the part of schools, other settings, and the council. Given the uncertainty it may be preferable to defer elections.
3. If Schools Forum believes elections are needed, the recommendations to this report may be amended, and arrangements and timetable for elections can be approved and implemented.