

## **Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

Report of the Democracy and Governance Portfolio Holder

### **Recommended:**

- 1. That Councillor Andersen be appointed to the Northern Area Planning Committee to replace Councillor Harber.**
- 2. That Councillor Harber be appointed to the General Purposes Committee to replace Councillor Donnelly.**
- 3. The Councillor xxxx be appointed to the Licensing Committee to replace Councillor Johnston.**
- 4. That Councillor Hatley be appointed to the Licensing Committee.**
- 5. That Councillor Donnelly be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Hatley.**
- 6. That Councillor Maltby be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- 7. That Councillor xxxx be appointed as the Council's Representative to Miss Gale's Education Foundation Trust.**

### **SUMMARY:**

- In accordance with the provisions set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the Council is required to review the representation of the political groups on committees where there is a notified political group and when there is a change to political proportionality as soon as practicable
- Council approval is sought for changes to the membership to the Council's General Purposes Committee, Licensing Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Northern Area Planning Committee and Southern Area Planning Committee.

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1** Following Councillor Hatley's resignation from the Conservative Group and the resignation of Councillor Matthews as a Borough Councillor, the political balance of the Council's Committees has been reviewed.
- 1.2** The review has highlighted a number of changes that are required across the Council's Committees in order for committees to continue to reflect political proportionality.
- 1.3** A replacement representative is required for appointment to Miss Gale's Education Foundation Trust.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Changes are required on four of the Council's Committees; the General Purposes Committee, Licensing Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Northern Area Planning Committee.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 26 June 2019, Council agreed that the membership of the Northern Area Planning Committee and Southern Area Planning Committee should reflect the representation of local Ward Members.
- 2.3 In order to reflect the current political balance of the Council across the committees, it is necessary to make the following changes:
  - 2.3.1 The Independent representation on the Northern Area Planning Committee needs to be removed. This results in a vacancy on the Committee which is required to be filled by a Conservative Member.
  - 2.3.2 A Conservative representative on the General purposes Committee needs to be removed. This results in a vacancy on the Committee which is required to be filled by an Independent Member.
  - 2.3.3 A Conservative representation on the Licensing Committee needs to be removed. This results in a vacancy on the Committee which is required to be filled by a Liberal Democrat Member.
  - 2.3.4 A further Conservative representation on the Licensing Committee needs to be removed. This results in a vacancy on the Committee which is required to be filled by an Independent Member.
  - 2.3.5 A Conservative representation is required on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to replace the Conservative seat previously filled by Councillor Hatley. Councillor Hatley as an Independent Member no longer has a seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
  - 2.3.6 A further Conservative Member is required to fill the vacancy on Overview and Scrutiny resulting from the resignation of Councillor Matthews.
- 2.4 A representative is required for appointment to Miss Gale's Education Foundation Trust, an outside body of the Council. Former Councillor Matthews was previously appointed to this outside body and therefore the position is now vacant.

## **3 Risk Management**

- 3.1 A Risk Management questionnaire has been completed and indicates this report does not require a risk assessment because the changes/issues covered by this report are not significant in terms of risk or have previously been considered.

## **4 Resource Implications**

- 4.1 There are no resource implications.

## 5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications. A resolution of full Council is required to effect the replacement appointments.

## 6 Equality Issues

- 6.1 None are identified.

## 7 Other Issues

- 7.1 Community Safety - none  
7.2 Environmental Health Issues - none  
7.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate - none  
7.4 Property Issues - none  
7.5 Wards/Communities Affected – none

## 8 Options and Options Appraisal

- 8.1 The options are to either make the replacement appointments or not. It is recommended that Council resolves to make the appointments to ensure the Committees in question are politically balanced and retain a full membership.

## 9 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 9.1 It is recommended that Councillors are appointed to the vacancies on the General Purposes Committee, Licensing Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Northern Area Planning Committee to ensure political balance.
- 9.2 It is further recommended that a Councillor be appointed as the Council's representative to fill the vacancy on the outside body – Miss Gale's Education Foundation Trust.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and can be made public.			
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