

# **Change to the membership of the Council's Licensing Committee**

Report of the Corporate Portfolio Holder

## **Recommended:**

**That Councillor Victoria Harber is replaced by Councillor Richard Rowles as a member of the Council's Licensing Committee**

### **SUMMARY:**

- It is proposed that Councillor Rowles is appointed to the Council's Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Harber.

## **1 Introduction and background**

- 1.1 Appointments to the Committees of Test Valley Borough Council were made by resolution at Annual Council on 13 May 2019.
- 1.2 It has now become necessary to replace one of the members of the Council's Licensing Committee and Council is requested to make the replacement appointment.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Councillor Victoria Harber (formerly Thorp) was appointed to the Council's Licensing Committee on 13 May 2019.
- 2.2 The Council's Licensing Committee deals with (amongst other matters) licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.3 Councillor Harber is Licensee of two hostelrys in the Andover area. Councillor Harber identifies that this has scope to put her in a position of conflict sufficient to impede her effective membership of the Licensing Committee.
- 2.4 Accordingly it is proposed that Councillor Rowles is appointed in Councillor Victoria Harber's place on the Council's Licensing Committee.

## **3 Options and Option Appraisal**

- 3.1 The options are either to replace Councillor Harber with Councillor Rowles or not.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Councillor Rowles takes Councillor Harber's place on the Licensing Committee.

## **4 Risk Management**

A risk assessment has been carried out and an evaluation of the risks indicate that the existing controls in place mean that no significant risks have been identified at this time.

## **5 Resource Implications**

The proposal has no resource implications.

## **6 Legal Implications**

- 6.1 Agreeing and/or amending the powers and duties for Committees, deciding on their composition and making amendments to them are functions reserved to Full Council. Therefore a resolution of Council is required to implement this recommendation.

## **7 Equality Issues**

This report does not identify any issues relating to equality.

## **8 Conclusion**

It is recommended that Councillor Victoria Harber is replaced by Councillor Richard Rowles as a member of the Council's licensing committee.

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| <u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>  |            |           |                  |
| Membership of the Council's Licensing Committee  |            |           |                  |
| <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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