

## LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

13 OCTOBER 2009

### ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE AND LICENSING HEARING PANELS SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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#### Summary

This report sets out the position regarding the allocation of seats on the Licensing Sub-Committee and Licensing Hearing Panels following the creation of a new Independent Group comprising 3 members of the Council and a by-election in Luton and Wayfield ward on 3 September 2009.

#### 1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 The allocation of seats on Sub-Committees is a matter for the parent Committee.

#### 2. Background

2.1 On 10 and 11 August 2009 the Chief Executive received notices that Councillors Val Goulden and Tony Goulden had ceased to be members of the Labour Group and that a new Independent Group had been formed comprising Councillor Tony Goulden, as Leader, Councillor Ian Burt as Deputy Leader and Group Whip and Councillor Val Goulden. The notices were accompanied by a request for a review to be carried out of the arrangements for the allocation of seats on committees to political groups under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

2.2 There was also a by-election in Luton and Wayfield ward on 3 September following the resignation of Councillor Dennis McFarlane earlier in the Summer. Tashia Tamang Bhutia, the Conservative candidate, was duly elected as a Councillor for Luton and Wayfield ward.

2.3 The Council subsequently considered a report on the allocation of seats on Committees, and appointments to other bodies, on 10

September 2009 and it noted that the Licensing and Safety Committee would be required to agree the position regarding allocation of seats and appointments to the Licensing Sub-Committee and Licensing Hearing Panels as follows:

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**(7 MEMBERS)**

<b><u>Conservative (4)</u></b>	<b><u>Labour (1)</u></b>	<b><u>Liberal Democrat</u></b> <b><u>(1)</u></b>	<b><u>Independent (1)</u></b>
Councillors: Andrews (VC) Mrs Diane Chambers (C) Etheridge Haydock	Councillor: Harriott (S)	Councillor: Stephen Kearney (S)	Councillor: Burt (S)

**LICENSING HEARING PANEL - SUB-COMMITTEE OF LICENSING**  
**AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (3 MEMBERS)**

**Panel A**

Andrews (Conservative)	Mrs Diane Chambers (Conservative)	Haydock (Conservative)
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**Panel B**

Etheridge (Conservative)	Kenneth Bamber (Conservative)	Shaw (Labour)
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**Panel C**

Mrs Diane Chambers (Conservative)	Kemp (Conservative)	Stephen Kearney (Liberal Democrat)
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**Panel D**

Hicks (Conservative)	Harriott (Labour)	Burt (Independent)
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**Panel E**

Kenneth Bamber (Conservative)	Haydock (Conservative)	Etheridge (Conservative)
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**Panel F**

Andrews (Conservative)	O'Brien (Conservative)	Shaw (Labour)
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### **3. Financial and legal implications**

- 3.1 Any recommendations relating to the allocation of seats on Committees must be consistent with requirements in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 relating to political balance.

### **4. Risk management**

- 4.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

### **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 The Committee is asked agree the revised composition and memberships of the Licensing Sub-Committee of Licensing Hearing Panels, as set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

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#### **Background papers**

Report to Council on 10 September 2009