

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES

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Summary

The Committee is asked to review the memberships of its sub-committees, these being the Licensing Sub-Committee, Licensing Hearing Panels and Licensing 1982 Act Hearing Panels.

1. Budget and policy framework

1.1 The establishment of sub-committees, and the appointment of Members to serve on them is usually a matter for decision at a Joint meeting of Committees, which usually follows the Annual Council meeting. However, given that the Annual Council meeting this year was held remotely with reduced numbers, it was not possible to hold a Joint meeting of Committees. Therefore, the sub-committees were established and appointed to by this Committee at its meeting on 2 June 2021.

2. The allocation of seats on the Committee and its sub-committees

2.1 The Council is required under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to allocate seats on Committees and sub-committees to political groups in accordance with the size of each group on the Council as a whole, unless alternative arrangements are notified to all Members five clear days in advance of the meeting and agreed without any Councillor voting against them.

2.2 At the Annual Council meeting this year this review of seats on committees resulted in the following allocation of seats on the Licensing and Safety Committee: Conservative Group (7) and Labour and Co-operative Group (4). One seat was unallocated.

2.3 Following the outcome of the by-elections held on 26 August this year, which resulted in a change to the composition of the Council, both the Conservative and Labour and Co-operative Groups requested a review of the allocation of committee seats. The results of this review were considered by Full Council on 7 October, and it resolved to change the allocation of seats on the

Licensing and Safety Committee to Conservative Group (7) and Labour and Co-operative (5). For the avoidance of doubt, these were the allocations prior to the review presented to the Committee on 2 June 2021.

2.4 In view of this change in the allocation of seats on the Committee, it is proposed that the size of the sub-committees, the allocation of seats and their memberships for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year is unchanged from that which was agreed by the Committee on 2 June, as amended by the Chief Executive under delegated powers. On this basis, the memberships would remain as set out in Appendix 1.

3. Risk management

3.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

4. Financial and legal implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 The legal position is as set out in the body of the report.

5. Recommendations

5.1 The Committee is asked to agree to the size, allocation of seats and memberships on the Licensing Sub-Committee, Licensing Hearing Panels and Licensing 1982 Act Hearing Panels, as set out in Appendix 1.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – 2021/22 Licensing and Safety Committee Sub-Committee Memberships.

Background papers

None