



Council	Tuesday, 06 September 2016	Matter for Decision
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Title: **Proposed Re-Appointment of the Membership of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee 2016/17**

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1. Introduction

The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 requires the Council to review the representation of different political groups as soon as practicable after there is delivered to the Proper Officer a Notice of Resignation.

2. Recommendations

That the nominated re-appointment of the membership of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17 (in accordance with the Appendix) is approved.

3. Information

- 3.1. Councillor G S Atwal is currently in the process of applying for a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence of this Council as a Licensing Authority. As such, his seat on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee is/was no longer tenable because of an apparent conflict of interest. The Member, therefore, formally tendered his resignation with immediate effect by letter addressed to the Chief Executive dated Thursday 28 July which was acknowledged by return on Friday 12 August 2016.
- 3.2. The Member's resignation has a consequential impact upon the membership of the Committee in terms of securing a political balance in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 given that he is/was the only Member of his political group represented on the Committee and at Council.
- 3.3. The implications are that the Committee's total membership ought to be reduced from 14 to 12 Members. This equates to nine (9) Liberal Democrat Members and three (3) Conservative Members, resulting in a net loss of one (1) Liberal Democrat Member.
- 3.4. The Liberal Democrat Member to consequently stand-down from the Committee has been nominated as Councillor F S Broadley.
- 3.5. The revised ratio set out in the Appendix is based upon the current total membership of the Council and its Committees and reflects the Council's requirement to represent different political groups taking into account the aforementioned circumstances.

Background Documents:-

The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990

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Implications

Financial (CR)	No significant implications.
Legal (AC)	In accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990
Risk (AC)	Failure to abide by the above Regulations could result in the Council acting <i>ultra vires</i> .
Equalities (AC)	Revised committee membership continues to reflect the current political composition of the Council.
	Equality Assessment:-
	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable