



Full Council	Tuesday, 31 July 2018	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Re-Appointment of Seats to Council Bodies (Oadby-Wigston Independent)**

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Purpose of Report:	To re-appoint the eligible seats on the Service Delivery Committee and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee as allocated to the Members of the Oadby-Wigston Independent Group ("OWIG").
Report Summary:	It is proposed that Councillor Miss A R Bond replaces Councillor Dr T K Khong on the Service Delivery Committee and, having received no nomination to replace Councillor Miss A R Bond, the seat allocation on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee be treated as "vacated" by the Oadby-Wigston Independent Group ("OWIG").
Recommendation(s):	That the nominated appointments to the Service Delivery Committee and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee be approved (as set out in Appendix C).
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Corporate Priorities:	Not applicable.
Vision and Values:	Not applicable.
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	Failure to adhere to the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 and 1991 made under sections 15, 16 and 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 may result in the Council acting beyond its powers.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Political Dynamics (CR3) Regulatory Governance (CR6)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.

Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	Councillor Dr T K Khong (Opposition Group Leader, OWIG) Councillor Miss A R Bond (Deputy Opposition Group Leader, OWIG)
Background Papers:	The Council's Constitution The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
Appendices:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligible Representation by Political Group (July 2018) 2. Allocation of Seats to Political Groups (July 2018) 3. Proposed Re-Appointments to Council Bodies (July 2018)

1. Background

- 1.1 In accordance with Article 4.02(d) of the Council's Constitution, the appointment of Committees, Boards, Panels, Forums and Working Groups of the Council (hereafter "Council bodies") and the Members to serve thereon is a function which is reserved to Full Council.

2. Re-Appointment of Seats to Council Bodies

- 2.1 Having received revised nominations from the Opposition Group Leader of the OWIG on 03 July 2017, the nominated appointees for the Service Delivery Committee and the Licensing and Regulatory Committee are as set out in **Appendix 3**.
- 2.2 In summary, the proposed changes are that:
- 2.2.□1Councillor Dr T K Khong relinquishes his seat on the Service Delivery Committee;
- 2.2.□2Councillor Miss A R Bond relinquishes her seat on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee; and
- 2.2.□3Councillor Miss A R Bond be appointed to sit on the Service Delivery Committee.
- 2.3 No replacement nomination was received from the OWIG for their eligible seat allocation on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee. It is therefore recommended that, under section 15 of the 1990 Regulations, that seat be treated as having been "vacated" by that group.

3. Political Balance Requirements

- 3.1 The requirements as to political proportionality in allocating and reviewing the membership of Council decision-making bodies are embodied in the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 and 1991 ("the Regulations") made under sections 15, 16 and 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ("the 1989 Act").
- 3.2 It is a statutory requirement that, where a relevant authority has a membership divided into different political groups then, subject to some limited exceptions, the allocation of seats on

the decision-making bodies of the Council must be proportional to the numbers of Members of the authority as a whole and its overall composition by its different political groups.

- 3.3 The Monitoring Officer has a statutory responsibility for ensuring the Council implements proportionality correctly. In implementing proportionality correctly, due consideration must be given to the following four principles as far as is reasonably practicable:
- all the seats are not allocated to the same political group;
 - the majority of the seats go to the political group in the majority on the Council;
 - subject to the above two principles, the total number of seats on the decision-making bodies of the Council are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council; and
 - subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each body are allocated to each political group in the same proportion as the group's representation on the Council.
- 3.4 The current political balance of the Council, and the proportionality arrangements as a result thereof in terms of eligible Member representation and allocation of seats on Council Bodies, is reflected in the figurework set out in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.
- 3.5 The political balance of the Council remains unaffected by the proposed re-appointments.