

COUNCIL

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## **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of changes required to the allocation of Committee seats between political groups as a result of the Hendon election. Approval is also sought to a number of proposed changes to various committees together with some changes which are unrelated to the outcome of the election.

#### **2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees**

2.1 A review of the political balance of the Council to ensure places on Committees are allocated in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements has been undertaken, following the Hendon Ward election.

2.2 So far as reasonably practicable, the proportion of the total number of committee seats allocated to each group should reflect each group's proportion of the membership of the authority. As a result, three seats need to be reallocated from the Liberal Democrat and Others Group to the Labour Group.

2.3 The rule about the proportion of the total number of committee seats allocated to each group takes priority, and the Council then has to try to reflect the relevant proportions on each individual committee. Due to the size of the Council's committees, this subsequent rule is met most closely by transferring one member from each of three 12-member committees, which are Human Resources Committee and the thematic Scrutiny Committees.

2.4 For completeness, if the preference was to transfer the members from any committees other than the 12-member ones, this would need to be included as a proposed "alternative arrangement" on the Council agenda and could only be approved if no member voted against the proposal.

2.5 If, prior to the meeting, Group Leaders provide the details regarding which committees the seats will be reallocated from, this will be included on a supplementary report.

2.6 A request has been received from the Majority Group in Opposition for Councillor Crosby to take the place of Councillor Nicholson on the Audit and Governance Committee.

2.7 A request has been received from the Minority Group in Opposition for Councillor Ayre to take the place of Councillor S Johnston on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

### **3.0 Additions and Changes to Outside Bodies**

#### **St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust**

3.1 A request has been received from the Majority Group in Opposition for Councillor Haswell to take the place of Councillor Nicholson on the St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust.

### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Council is accordingly invited to approve the proposals set out in the report.