

<b>Report title</b>	In Year Appointments for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year	
<b>Referring body</b>	N/A	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	N/A	

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Council is recommended to approve:

1. The removal of Councillor Paul Appleby from the Statutory Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year 2022/2023.
2. The appointment of Councillor Jonathan Crofts to the Statutory Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee for the remainder of the Municipal year 2022/2023.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To approve in year appointments for the 2022- 2023 municipal year.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The composition of the Statutory Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee was approved at the meeting of Annual Council on 18 May 2022.
- 2.2 Councillor Paul Appleby was removed from the membership of the Statutory Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee in June 2022.
- 2.3 There is currently one Conservative Group vacancy on the Statutory Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee.

## **3.0 Evaluation of alternative options**

- 3.1 The alternative option to the proposed recommendations would be to not appoint. This would prevent the Conservative Group from taking up its allocation of seats on the Statutory Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee.

## **4.0 Reasons for decisions**

- 4.1 This decision will ensure that the Council's legal duty for committee membership to reflect the political composition of the Council is met.

## **5.0 Financial implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. [GE/05052022/P].

## **6.0 Legal implications**

- 6.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review periodically the political composition of the Authority, and how this is applied to appointments to Council bodies.
- 6.2 The rules for securing political balance on Committee and Sub-Committees appointed by local authorities are contained in sections 1 and 16 of the Act and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990.
- 6.3 The Council is under a duty to:
- Ensure that the membership of those committees and sub-committees covered by the rules reflect the political composition of the Council, as far as practicable;
  - Review the allocation of seats to political groups at or as soon as practical after the Annual Council meeting and at certain other specified times e.g. as a result of changes in political balance or an increase in the number of committees established;

- Allocate seats on the committees to the political groups in proportion to their numerical strength on the Council, as far as practicable;
- Accept nominations made by the groups for the fillings of seats allocated to them.

6.4 In determining the allocation of seats, the Council must also apply the following four principles, as far as reasonably practicable; A. Not all seats to be allocated to the same political group; B. If a political group has a majority on the Council, it must have a majority of seats on committees; C. Subject to (a) – (b) above, the total of all seats on ordinary committees should be allocated to the groups in proportion to their respective strength on the Council; and D. Subject to (a) – (c) the number of seats on ordinary committees or sub-committees to be allocated to each political group in proportion to the number of all the seats on the committee or sub-committee in proportion to their respective strength on the Council.

In accordance with the Constitution, Individual Cabinet Members are empowered to make Individual Executive Decisions in respect of their area of responsibility, subject to the decision not falling within one of the exceptions listed in the Constitution. The Leader of the Council has lead responsibility to agree permanent membership changes to Cabinet Panels, Regulatory or other committees and Forums and the Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny Panels, in between annual meetings of the Council. The recommendations proposed in this report do not fall within the list of exemptions that would require that the matter be considered collectively by Cabinet. [SZ/06072022/P]

## **7.0 Equalities implications**

7.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **8.0 All other Implications**

8.1 There are no other implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

9.1 Council – 18 May 2022, Political balance, appointment of the Cabinet, appointments to Scrutiny and Regulatory and other Committees, and appointments to outside bodies for 2021-2023