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| **Report to** | | **On** | | |  | | |
| **Council** | | **Wednesday, 21 July 2021** | | |
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| **Title** | | | | **Portfolio Holder** | | | **Report of** | |
| Changes to Committee Membership | | | | **Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform)** | | | **Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer** | |

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| Is this report confidential? | No |

## Purpose of the Report

1. To seek the Council’s approval for changes to committee appointments.

## Recommendations

1. That the number of seats on the Licensing and Public Safety Committee be increased by one and that Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman be appointed to the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
2. The size and membership of the Local Plan Member Working Group be amended as outlined in the report.

## Corporate outcomes

1. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (tick all those applicable):

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| An exemplary council | 🗸 | Thriving communities |  |
| A fair local economy that works for everyone |  | Good homes, green spaces, healthy places |  |

## Background to the report

1. At the Annual Council meeting on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 the appointments to committees were agreed.
2. This report outlines a number of suggested changes that have come forward since the appointments were agreed relating to the Licensing and Public Safety Committee and Local Plan Member Working Group.

## Licensing and Public Safety Committee

1. As part of ensuring political proportionality on the ordinary committees of the Council, the Council’s independent member, Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman, is entitled to a seat on a committee.
2. Following consultation, Councillor Paul Wharton Hardman has indicated that he would like to be appointed to a seat on the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.
3. To assist in facilitating this appointment and to reduce any disruption to the existing committee membership it is recommended that an additional seat be created. The Licensing and Public Safety Committee membership would therefore increase from 11 to 12 Members.
4. It is therefore recommended that Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman be appointed to the Licensing and Public Safety Committee. The remaining membership of the Committee would be left unchanged.

**Local Plan Member Working Group**

1. The Local Plan Member Working Group has met for a number of years to review and contribute to the Local Plan.
2. Traditionally membership has included the relevant Cabinet Member, Chair of the Planning Committee and nominations from each political group on a proportionality basis.
3. The Group Leaders were given observer rights to attend meetings and at the Annual Council meeting in May formally appointed to the Local Plan Member Working Group.
4. To assist in the effective management of business for the Member Working Group it is now felt that a smaller group would be helpful.
5. It is therefore recommended that the membership of the Local Plan Member Working Group be reduced from 10 to 7 seats and that the membership no longer includes Group Leaders.
6. The membership of the Local Plan Member Working Group would therefore be 3 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 Lib Dem, with the following Members:

* Councillor Bill Evans (Chair)
* Councillor Caleb Tomlinson (Vice-chair)
* Councillor Peter Mullineaux
* Councillor David Shaw
* Councillor Phil Smith
* Councillor Ian Watkinson
* Councillor Gareth Watson

## Risk

1. None as a result of this report.

## Equality and diversity

1. None as a result of this report.

## Air quality implications

1. None as result of this report.

## Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

1. There are no financial implications from this report. The Member allowances are already included within the budget.

## Comments of the Monitoring Officer

1. This report is in accordance with the Council’s constitution and relevant statutory regulations.

Background documents

There are no background documents to this report.

## Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

Chris Moister

Director of Governance

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