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Council

18 October, 2022

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership – Councillor G Duggins

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Director of Law and Governance

**Ward(s) affected:**

Not Applicable

**Title:**

**Amendments to Appointments**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

At the Annual Meeting on 19 May, 2022, the City Council noted the allocation of seats to Political Groups in accordance with the political balance rules and made appointments to Council bodies accordingly.

Following by-elections and the self- suspension of two Councillors, the political balance of the Council has changed which needs to be reflected in the allocation of seats to the Political Groups.

This report seeks to make changes to appointments to Council bodies in accordance with the political balance calculation.

**Recommendation:**

- 1) That the Council notes the allocation of seats to Political Groups in accordance with the political balance rules, as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report
- 2) That Council approves the following appointments in accordance with the revised political balance calculation:-

Councillor J Clifford as Acting Chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Councillor L Bigham as Acting Deputy Chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Councillor A Hopkins to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Councillor N Akhtar as Acting Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee

Councillor L Bigham to the Ethics Committee

Councillor J Gardiner to the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)  
in place of Councillor T Khan

Councillor J Gardiner to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Councillor J Gardiner to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in  
place of Councillor A Jobbar

Councillor J Gardiner to the Planning Committee in place of Councillor M Heaven

Councillor F Abbott as Acting Chair of the Cabinet Member for Policing and  
Equalities – Disability Equality Action Partnership – Advisory Panel

- 3) That any further amendments required to the appointments to Council bodies arising from  
1) and 2) above be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance, following  
consultation with the appropriate Group Leader.

**List of Appendices included:**

Appendix 1 – Allocation of Seats to Political Groups – October 2022

**Useful background papers:**

None

**Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No

**Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other  
body?**

No

**Will this report go to Council?**

Yes – 18 October 2022

## **Report title: Amendments to Appointments**

### **1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1 Since the Annual Meeting on 18 May, 2022, there have been changes to the political balance of the City Council. There are now 36 Labour Councillors, 15 Conservative Councillors, 1 Green Party Councillor and 2 Independent Members.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 details the revised allocation of seats to Political Groups in accordance with the political balance rules.
- 1.3 Adjustments are required to the appointments made at the Annual Meeting to ensure that the allocation of seats is in accordance with the political balance rules.

### **1 Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 Following consultation with the Group Leaders It is recommended:-

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### 3. Results of consultation undertaken

The Group Leaders have been consulted.

### 4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 If approved, the appointments will take effect from the date of the Council Meeting on 18 October 2022.

### 5. Comments from the Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer) and the Director of Law and Governance

#### 5.1 Financial implications

Not applicable

#### 5.2 Legal implications

The allocation of seats to Political Groups must be in accordance with the political balance rules.

### 6. Other implications

Not applicable

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