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Council

5 December, 2023

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership – Councillor G Duggins

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Chief Legal Officer

**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 18 May, 2023, 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 the resignation of former Earlsdon Ward Councillor B Gittins, a by election was held on 26 October, 2023 at which Labour Party Councillor, Councillor Dr L Kelly was elected. The political balance of the Council therefore remains as it was in May 2023.

This report seeks to appoint to Labour party vacant seats on Council bodies in accordance with the political balance calculation.

**Recommendations:**

That Council approves the appointment of Councillor Dr L Kelly to the following Council bodies with immediate effect:-

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

**List of Appendices included:**

None

**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 – 5 December, 2023

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

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

- 1.1 Since the Annual Meeting on 18 May, 2023, when all of the appointments to Council bodies were made in accordance with the political balance rules, former Councillor B Gittins, a Labour Party Earlsdon Ward Councillor, resigned her seat.
- 1.2 On 26 October, 2023, a by election was held and Councillor Dr L Kelly was elected as an Earlsdon Ward Councillor for the Labour Party. The political balance of the Council therefore remains unchanged.
- 1.3 Appointments now need to be made to the Labour Party vacancies on Council bodies.

### **2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

Following consultation with the Leader, Councillor G Duggins, it is recommended that Councillor Dr L Kelly be appointed to :-

Licensing and Regulatory Committee  
Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)  
Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

### **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

The Leader, Councillor G Duggins, has 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 5 December, 2023

### **5. Comments from the Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer) and the Chief Legal Officer**

- 5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

- 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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