

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Meeting of the Council
Date: 25 January 2017
Report for: Information
Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Report Title

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Summary

To advise Council of membership changes on Committees and Sub-Committees The report also formally records that there has been a change to the political composition of the Council.

Recommendation(s)

That Council notes:-

1. the changes made to the membership of Committees and Sub-Committees;
2. the current composition of the political groups on the Council, as set out in the report; and
3. that there will be no consequential change to the allocation of Committee places.

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Background Papers: None.

1. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

- 1.1 The Chief Executive has been advised that a Member of the Council is no longer a member of the Conservative Group of Councillors on Trafford Council. As a consequence of the revised Group make-up, the Conservative Group had 2 vacant Committee seats on Licencing Committee and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 Furthermore, there was a vacancy on 2 of the Sub-Committees of Licensing Committee, namely, Public Protection Sub-Committee and Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee and the Vice-Chairman of Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee needed to be appointed. There were also a number of appointments to outside bodies to be amended.
- 1.3 The Chief Executive has since received notice of the following appointments to those vacant seats and outside bodies:-

Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Nathan Evans
Public Protection Sub-Committee – Councillor Mrs. Haddad
Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee - Councillor Cawdrey (as Vice-Chairman)
Licensing Committee – *no appointment at present*

Local Government Association General Assembly - Councillor Williams
Manchester Metropolitan Pest Control Council - Councillor Shaw
North West Cultural Consortium - Councillor Sean Anstee

- 1.4 In addition to the above changes, Council is also requested to note that Councillor Andrew Western replaced Councillor Walsh as a member of Health Scrutiny Committee on 19 December 2016.

2. POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

- 2.1 The political make-up of the Council is currently:

- Conservative Group - 34 members
- Labour Group - 25 members
- Liberal Democrat Group - 3 members
- None - 1 member.

- 1.2 The regulations require that the composition of committees is in accordance with the political balance of the 63 members of the Council and that this is reviewed as a result of any changes to that balance. Having recalculated the proportions in line with the current position the new political make up has no significant effect on the total allocation of seats.
- 1.3 The existing allocations as shown in Appendix 1 remain consistent with the political proportions of the Council and there is therefore no requirement to change the political composition of committees.

EXISTING COMMITTEE ENTITLEMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17

Committee	No. of Members	Ex-officio Members	Co-opted Members	Proposed Places		
				CON	LAB	L/D
<u>Ordinary Committees</u>						
Accounts and Audit	7	-	-	4	3	0
Employment	7	-	-	4	3	0
Planning Development Control	13	-	-	7	5	1
Licensing *	15	-	-	8	7	0
Standards	11		5^^	6	4	1
Scrutiny	11	1#	5^	6	4	1
Health Scrutiny	11	1#	-	6	4	1
POLITICALLY BALANCED PLACINGS (excluding other Committees)	75			41	30	4
<u>Other Committee(s)</u>						
Health and Wellbeing Board**	2		7^^^	2	1	0
OVERALL PLACINGS	77			43	30	4

* Committees for which political balance rules may be disapplied

** Committee for which political balance rules do not apply

The Chairmen of both the Scrutiny Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee shall be appointed as ex-officio non-voting members of the opposite scrutiny committee.

^ 2 Church and 3 Parent-Governor representatives

^^ 2 Parish representatives and 3 Independent members

^^^ Corporate Director of Children, Families and Wellbeing plus 14 External Partners