



General Purposes Committee

Meeting:	General Purposes Committee
Date:	27 February 2013
Classification:	For General Release
Title:	Membership of the Licensing Committee
Wards Affected:	Not applicable
Financial Summary:	There are no financial implications
Report of:	Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to allow a recommendation to be submitted to the Council for a change to the membership of the Licensing Committee.
- 1.2 The Council has agreed to establish a Licensing Committee of 15 members of the Council based on a proportional split of 12 Majority group members and 3 Minority group members. The Council has also appointed the Members to serve on the Licensing Committee and from time to time agreed changes to the membership.
- 1.3 Councillor Melvyn Caplan, Chief Whip of the Majority Party has asked that arrangements be made for Councillor Susie Burbridge to replace Councillor Harvey Marshall on the Licensing Committee.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council be recommended to appoint Councillor Susie Burbridge to the membership of the Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Harvey Marshall.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 The appointment of Members to the Licensing Committee is a matter reserved to full Council. Accordingly, the Council must be asked to agree the change in membership.
- 3.2 Arrangements will be made for Councillor Susie Burbridge to receive the necessary training to enable her to sit on the Licensing Sub-Committees which consider applications and reviews in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.3 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (rules relating to proportionality on Committees and Sub-Committees) does not apply to the Licensing Committee or its Sub-Committees.
- 3.4 In view of the need for the Licensing Sub-Committee to be able to draw on a full complement of Members it is intended to refer this proposal to the Council meeting on 6 March 2013 rather than wait until the next ordinary meeting on 1 May 2013.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 These are set out in the body of the report.

5. Other Implications

None.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None.