



# General Purposes Committee

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>General Purposes Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>6 November 2013</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>For General Release</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Membership of the Licensing Committee</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<b>There are no financial implications</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Head of Legal and Democratic Services</b>

## **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 Heather Acton to replace Councillor Lindsey Hall on the Licensing Committee.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Council be recommended to appoint Councillor Heather Acton to the membership of the Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Lindsey Hall.

## **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 Heather Acton 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 The responsibility for appointing Members to the Licensing Committee sits with the full Council. Accordingly, it is intended to refer this proposal to the full Council meeting on 13 November 2013 for approval.

#### **4. Legal Implications**

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

#### **5. Other Implications**

None.

**If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers please contact Mick Steward: 7641 3134  
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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None.