

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO		
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	22 OCTOBER 2018	8		
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION					

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The report outlines a request from The Conservative Group for changes to committee membership as follows:

That Councillor Chris Dixon replaces Councillor Angela Jacques on Environment, Health and Housing Committee, that Councillor Jayne Nixon replaces Councillor Christine Akeroyd as a member of the Planning Committee and that Councillor Sandra Pitman replaces Councillor Christine Akeroyd as a member of the Licensing Committee.

In the event that Councillor Jayne Nixon is appointed to the Planning Committee, there will be a vacancy for a planning substitute. This vacancy will be considered separately by the Planning Committee in accordance with Standing Order 23(c) of Part 4 - Rules of Procedure of the Constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. To remove Councillor Jacques and appoint Councillor Chris Dixon as a member on the Environment Health and Housing Committee.
- 2. To remove Councillor Akeroyd and appoint Councillor Jayne Nixon as a member on the Planning Committee.
- 3. To remove Councillor Akeroyd and appoint Councillor Sandra Pitman as a member on the Licensing Committee.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The meeting of Council on 16 April 2018 allocated seats to the various committees in accordance with the rules of political balance.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES		
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)		
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)		
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)		
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)		
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)		

REPORT

POLITICALLY BALANCED COMMITTEES

- 1. Under the rules of political balance, eight seats on the Environment, Health and Housing Committee are allocated to the Conservative Group.
- 2. The Conservative Group has asked for changes to be made in relation to the membership of the Environment, Health and Housing committee in that Councillor Jacques is to be replaced as a member on this committee by Councillor Chris Dixon.
- 3. Under the rules of political balance, seven seats on the Planning Committee are allocated to the Conservative Group.
- 4. The Conservative Group has asked for changes to be made in relation to the membership of the Planning committee in that Councillor Akeroyd is to be replaced as a member on this committee by Councillor Jayne Nixon.
- 5. Councillor Nixon was previously appointed by the Planning Committee as a substitute member and has received the requisite training as outlined in Standing Order 23(e) of Part 4 Rules of Procedure of the Constitution.
- 6. The Council is obliged to accept the nominations of the Conservative group to seats nominated to that group.
- 7. In the event that Councillor Nixon is appointed to the Planning Committee, there will be a vacancy for a planning substitute. This vacancy will be considered separately by the Planning Committee in accordance with Standing Order 23(c) of Part 4 Rules of Procedure of the Constitution.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

- 8. The Licensing Committee is not subject to the political balance rules. It is concerned exclusively with carrying out the council's responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. The committee has a membership of 15.
- 9. The Conservative Group has asked for changes to be made in relation to the membership of the Licensing committee in that Councillor Akeroyd is to be replaced as a member on this committee by Councillor Pitman.
- 10. As the Licensing Committee is not subject to the political balance rules, it is up to the council whether to accept the request from the Conservative group.

IMPLICATIONS				
Finance	None arising directly from this report			
Legal	None arising directly from this report			
Community Safety	None arising directly from this report			
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from this report			
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from this report			
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from directly this report			

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Council minutes	16/4/18	Town Hall and Website