

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	10 DECEMBER 2018	9

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

The report outlines a request from Councillor Oades, Leader of the Independents, for changes to committee membership as follows:

That Councillor Paul Hodgson replaces Councillor Keith Beckett as a member of the Licensing Committee and the Public Protection Committee and that Councillor Elaine Silverwood replaces Councillor Paul Hodgson as a member of the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To remove Councillor Hodgson and appoint Councillor Elaine Silverwood as a member on the Tourism and Leisure Committee.
2. To remove Councillor Beckett and appoint Councillor Paul Hodgson as a member on the Public Protection Committee.
3. To remove Councillor Beckett and appoint Councillor Paul Hodgson 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, three seats on the Tourism and Leisure Committee are allocated to the Independents.
2. The Independent Group has asked for changes to be made in relation to the membership of the Tourism and Leisure committee in that Councillor Hodgson is to be replaced as a member on this committee by Councillor Elaine Silverwood.
3. Under the rules of political balance, three seats on the Public Protection Committee are allocated to the Independents.
4. The Independent Group has asked for changes to be made in relation to the membership of the Public Protection committee in that Councillor Beckett is to be replaced as a member on this committee by Councillor Paul Hodgson.
5. The Council is obliged to accept the nominations of the Independents to seats nominated to that group.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

6. 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.
7. The Independent Group has asked for changes to be made in relation to the membership of the Licensing committee in that Councillor Beckett is to be replaced as a member on this committee by Councillor Paul Hodgson.
8. 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 Independent 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