

Council

On 19 January 2009

Report Title. Changes to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees and Sub Bodies.

Report of **Chief Executive**

Signed :

Contact Officer : Ken Pryor, Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services

Wards(s) affected: N/A

Report for: Information and decision

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To note the changes to Political Groups as notified to the Chief Executive.
- 1.2. To agree changes to Committee memberships.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1. Not applicable

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

- 3.1. The Council are required to ensure proportionality on its Committees.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. That the changes to Political Group composition as detailed in paragraph 7.1 be noted.
- 4.2. That the resultant changes to Council body memberships as detailed in paragraph 7.3 be agreed.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1. To report the result of the By-election held on 15 January 2009. The Chief Executive has also been advised of changes to Committee memberships.

6. Other options considered

6.1. Not applicable

7. Summary

7.1. Following a By- Election on 15 January 2009, Joe Goldberg was elected to represent Seven Sisters Ward. Councillor Goldberg is a member of the Labour Group.

7.2. There are no resulting changes to the political balance of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

7.3. Additional changes to Labour memberships of committees are as follows:

- Councillor Santry to replace Councillor Khan on the Standards Committee.
- Councillor Santry to Chair the White Hart Lane and Northumberland Park Area Assembly.
- Councillor Goldberg to fill the vacancy on Tottenham Hale and Seven Sisters Area Assembly

7.4. Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1. The changes recommended in this report will have no direct financial implications.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1. There are no perceived legal implications arising from this report.

10. Head of Procurement Comments

10.1. Not applicable

11. Equalities &Community Cohesion Comments

11.1. Not applicable

12. Consultation

12.1. Not applicable

13. Service Financial Comments

13.1. The allowance payment for the new Member will be contained within the Member allowances budget.

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

14.1. Not applicable

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 15.1. Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 15.2. Local Government Act 2000
- 15.3. Council's Constitution
- 15.4. Report to Annual Council on Committee Appointments

The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ken Pryor on 0208 489 2915.