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To: All Members of the Full Council

Dear Member,

Full Council - Monday, 19th July, 2021

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

7. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PAGES 1 - 8)

ii)Change to Political composition and Appointments to Committees
2021/22

Yours sincerely

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Report for: Full Council 19 July 2021

Title: **Change to Political composition and Appointments to Committees 2021/22**

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non-Key Decision:** Non-Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration.

- To note the changes to the political groups as notified to the Chief Executive.
- To agree a change to the Committee Memberships

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Council is asked to:
1. Note the changes to the political composition set out at paragraph 4.3.
 2. To agree the resultant changes to Council Committee memberships as detailed in paragraph 4.6 and attached at Appendix 1.

4. Background information

- 4.1 On the 28th of May 2021, the Chief Executive was informed by Cllr James Chiriyankandath in writing that he no longer wished to be treated as a member of the Labour group; This was in accordance with Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 – 10b.
- 4.2 Cllr Chiriyankandath further notified the Council of his resignation from the Pensions Committee and Board.
- 4.3 The political balance of the Council of 57 councillors is now as follows:
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| Labour | 41 councillors (71.9%) |
| Liberal Democrats | 15 councillors (26.3%) |
| Independent | 1 Councillor (1.75%) |

- 4.4 The Council is required to ensure that appointments to which the statutory political balance rules apply are made in accordance with those rules. The relevant rules are summarised below (see paragraph). The Annual Meeting of the Council appoints Committees of the Council in accordance with Article 4.02(k) of the Constitution. The Council is required to comply with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 in terms of political balance when appointing 'ordinary' committees – that is, committees appointed under section 102(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972.

These rules provide that seats on 'ordinary' committees must be allocated in line with the following principles, so far as reasonably practicable:

- (a) that not all the seats on a body are allocated to the same political group;
 - (b) that the majority of the seats on the body are allocated to the political group which has the majority of the Council's membership;
 - (c) that, subject to principles (a) and (b) above, the proportion of seats allocated to each political group out of the total number of seats across all the ordinary committees of the Council shall be in the same proportion as their share of membership of the Council as a whole; and
 - (d) that, subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, the number of seats on each individual body shall be allocated to each political group in the same proportion as their share of membership of the Council as a whole.
- 4.5 The number of seats currently available on Ordinary Committees is 56. The seat number increased from the previous Municipal year number of 47 due to decommissioning of the Regulatory Committee and establishment of the Licensing Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.
- 4.6 The Independent Member could not remain on the Pensions Committee and Board as this a Council Member membership of 6 with 4 Labour Members and 2 Liberal Democrat Members and would mean that compliance with rule 4.4(b) was not possible. The Labour Chief Whip advised on the 5th of July, the nomination of Cllr Pat Berryman to the Pensions Committee and Board for Full Council agreement, giving effect to the wishes of the Labour group.
- 4.7 It has been the past practice to appoint Independent Members to the Corporate Committee. However, the Independent Member has indicated that he does not wish to take up this seat for this Municipal year. There are currently 9 Labour members and 3 Liberal Democrat Members on the Corporate Committee. Reducing the Labour group allocation by 1 seat and allocating the seat to the Liberal Democrat Group would mean that in consequence, Labour would receive 40 Committee seats (71.4% of the total number of seats available) and Liberal Democrats 16 seats (28.6% of the total number). The Liberal Democrat group would therefore have a percentage of Committee seats that is 2.3% higher than their percentage share of the total number of councillors and

Labour group would have 0.5% lower percentage share. Keeping to the current seat allocation of 41 Labour and 15 Liberal Democrat would mean that Labour has 73.2% of the total number of seats and this is 1.2% higher percentage share, and the Liberal Democrats would have 26.8% percentage allocation which is 0.5% higher percentage share.

4.8 Therefore, keeping to the current seat allocation means, both Political parties have a slightly higher percentage allocation, and the Council is complying with the principle set out at paragraph 4.4(c) above, so far as reasonably practicable. The fact that there is an Independent councillor, who does not wish to take up a committee place, means that strict compliance with the principle set out at paragraph 4.4(c) is not possible.

4.9 In calculating the allocation of seats on ordinary committees, the following bodies were excluded because these bodies are excluded from the statutory rules on political balance:

- The Cabinet.
- The disciplinary pool.
- Licensing Sub-Committees (Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Committee).
- The Health and Wellbeing Board.

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

5. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities) Finance and Procurement

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

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5.2 The report sets out those Council bodies to which the political balance rules apply. The 1989 Act requires political balance in the distribution of seats on committees to be undertaken “so far as is reasonably practicable” thus recognising that a mathematically precise split between political parties cannot always be achieved.

5.3 In section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, principle (b) states that a party with a majority on full Council shall have a majority of seats on each individual body. This principle takes precedence over principles (c) and (d) which require political groups to be represented on the ordinary committees taken as a whole and on the bodies individually in proportion to their representation on Full Council.

5.4 Principle (c) concerning proportionate allocation of seats across all the ordinary committees of the council takes precedence over the principle (d) concerning proportionate allocation on any individual body.

6. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 - Committee Memberships

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7.1 Background documents:

- *Appointments to Cttees 2021- 22*
- *Haringey Council's Constitution*

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

7.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929.

| COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP | NO. OF MEMBERS | SUBORDINATE BODIES |
|--|---|--|
| <p>Alexandra Palace & Park Board Cllr Stennett(Chair) Cllr Weston(Vice Chair) Cllr Hearn Cllr Carlin</p> <p>Cllr da Costa Cllr Hare</p> | <p>6 Members</p> <p>Proportional split: 4 Lab 2 Lib Dem</p> <p>Plus: 3 non-voting Members from Consultative Committee.</p> <p>1 Observer (Chair of the APP Statutory Advisory Cttee)</p> <p><i>Members of the Cabinet may not sit on the Board in accordance with the advice of the Charity Commission.</i></p> | <p>Alexandra Palace Consultative Committee</p> <p>Same membership as appointed to the Board sits as members of Consultative Committee</p> <p>Plus up to 30 outside Representatives</p> <p>Chair appointed by Consultative Committee at first meeting</p> <hr/> <p>Alexandra Palace & Park Panel 3 Members of the Panel, proportional split: 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem</p> <hr/> <p>Alexandra Palace & Park Consultative Forum</p> <p>4 Members of the Forum, proportional split: 3 Lab 1 Lib Dem</p> <p>Plus 4 Trade Union Representatives</p> |
| <p>Corporate Committee Cllr Mitchell - Chair Cllr Dogan (VC) Cllr Ejiofor Cllr Tabois Cllr Berryman Cllr Ibrahim Cllr Amin Cllr M Blake Cllr Demir</p> <p>Cllr Emery Cllr Barnes Cllr Rossetti</p> | <p>12 Members</p> <p>Proportional split: 9 Lab 3 Lib Dem</p> | |
| <p>Health & Well Being Board</p> <p>Cabinet Member Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency and Deputy (Nominated by the Leader)</p> | <p><u>Non-voting reps:</u></p> <p>LB Haringey: Director of Adult & Health Service Director of Children's Services Director of Public Health</p> | |

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| <p>Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Well-being (Chair)</p> <p>Cabinet Member Early Years, Children and Families (nominated by Leader of the Council)</p> <p>Chair, Clinical Commissioning Group (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Lay Member, Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>Chair, Healthwatch Haringey</p> | <p>Haringey Clinical Commissioning Group: Vice Chair Chief Officer</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Rep: Bridge Renewal Trust Chief Executive</p> <p>Haringey Local Safeguarding Children Board Chair</p> <p>N.B. Any additional persons appointed to the HWB either by the local authority or the HWB will be on a non-voting basis.</p> | |
| <p>Licensing Committee</p> <p>Cllr Adamou(Chair) Cllr Peacock (VC) Cllr Say Cllr Rice Cllr Tucker Cllr Stone Cllr Williams Cllr B Blake</p> <p>Cllr Cawley - Harrison Cllr Morris Cllr Ross</p> | <p>11 Members</p> <p>Proportional split</p> <p>8 Lab</p> <p>3 Lib Dem</p> <p><u>N.B. The Membership of the Licensing Sub-Committee may comprise any three members of the Licensing Committee</u></p> | <p>Licensing Sub Committee</p> <p>3 Members, proportional split:</p> <p>2 Lab</p> <p>1 Lib Dem</p> |
| <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Cllr Moyeed (Chair) Cllr Connor (Vice Chair) Cllr Carlin Cllr White Cllr Gunes</p> | <p>5 Members</p> <p>Proportional split: 4 Lab 1 Lib Dem.</p> <p>Plus co-opted Education representatives.</p> | <p>Scrutiny Review Panels</p> <p>The Chair of each of the Scrutiny Review Panels shall be a member of the OSC, to be determined by the OSC at their first meeting.</p> <p><i>The Mayor or Members of the Cabinet may not be Members</i></p> <p>The composition of each Scrutiny Review Panel shall be between 3 and 7 members,</p> |

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| | | <p>and be politically proportionate as far as possible (including the Chair).</p> <p>Each Scrutiny Review Panel shall be entitled to appoint up to three non-voting co-optees</p> <p>If there is a Children and Young People's Scrutiny Review Panel, the membership shall include the statutory education representatives of OSC. The education representatives would also attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings where reports from a relevant Scrutiny Review Panel are considered.</p> |
| <p>Combined Pensions Committee and Board Cllr Say (Chair) Cllr Culverwell (VC) Cllr Chiriyankandath Cllr Berryman Cllr James</p> <p>Cllr Dennison Cllr Ross</p> | <p>6 Members and 4 voting co-opted members</p> <p>Proportional split: 4 Lab 2 Lib Dem.</p> <p><u>Co-optees:</u></p> <p>2 employer representatives, being 1 from LB Haringey and 1 from other scheduled and admitted employers</p> <p>2 scheme member representatives, being 1 active and 1 pensioner & deferred members</p> | |
| <p>Strategic Planning Committee Cllr Williams(Chair) Cllr Peacock (VC) Cllr Rice Cllr Say Cllr Mitchell Cllr Basu Cllr Adamou Cllr Ibrahim</p> | <p>11 Members Proportional split: 8 Lab 3 Lib Dem</p> <p><i>N.B. The Membership of the Planning Sub-Committee will be the same as the Strategic Planning Committee and will be appointed at</i></p> | <p>Licensing Sub Committee – A 3 Members, proportional split: 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem</p> <p>Licensing Sub Committee – B 3 Members, proportional split: 2 Lab 1 Lib Dem</p> <p>Planning Sub-Committee 11 Members, proportional split: 8 Lab 3 Lib Dem</p> |

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| Cllr Cawley - Harrison Cllr Morris Cllr Ross | <i>its first meeting after Annual Council.</i> | |
| Staffing and Remuneration Committee Cllr Basu (Chair) Cllr Bull (VC) Cllr Adje Cllr Davies Cllr Dennison <i>In accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council's interests should not be represented in negotiations on council employees' terms and conditions by Members who are Local Authority employees or Trade Union employees or officials either directly or indirectly. If as a result the relevant Cabinet Member is ineligible, a substitute Member of the Cabinet should be appointed.</i> | 5 Members 1 Cabinet Member Proportional split: 4 Lab [including 1 Cabinet Member] 1 Lib Dem | Disciplinary and Dismissal Appeals Panels 3 Members from the pool 2 Lab & 1 LD All Councillors will be eligible to sit on these Panels, subject to having undertaken the necessary training Pool of Chairs (Labour) Cllr Amin Cllr Adamou Cllr Brabazon Cllr Chiriyankandath Cllr Rice Cllr Davies Labour Group Cllr Adje Cllr James Cllr Basu Cllr Berryman Cllr Bevan Cllr Blake Cllr Bull Cllr Mitchell Cllr Opoku Cllr Peacock Cllr Stennett Lib Dem Group Cllr Hare Cllr Morris |
| Standards Committee Cllr Opoku (Chair) Cllr Dogan Cllr B Blake Cllr Carroll Cllr Ogiehor | 5 Members Proportional split: 4 Lab 1 Lib Dem | Standards Assessment Sub-Committee Standards Hearing Sub-Committee |