

<b>Council</b>		<b>on 13 October 2008</b>	
Report Title: <b>Changes to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees and Sub Bodies.</b>			
Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): n/a			
Report of: <b>Chief Executive</b>			
Wards(s) affected:		Report for: Non key decision.	
<b>1. Purpose</b>  1.1 To note the changes to Political Groups as notified to the Chief Executive. 1.2 To agree changes to Committee memberships resulting from the recent by-election.			
<b>2. Recommendations</b>  2.1 That the changes to Political Group composition as detailed in paragraph 8.1 be noted.  2.2 That the resultant changes to Council body memberships as detailed in paragraph 8.4 be agreed.			
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### **3. Chief Financial Officer Comments**

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

### **4. Head of Legal Services Comments**

4.1 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. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

#### Background papers

5.1 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

5.2 Local Government Act 2000.

5.3 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.

### **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no perceived financial implications arising from this report.

### **7. Legal Implications**

7.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to ensure there is political balance on its Committees.

### **8. Background**

8.1 The Chief Executive was notified on Thursday 21 August 2008 that Councillor Wayne Hoban had resigned from the Council with immediate effect.

8.2 Following a By- Election on 9 October 2008, Nigel Peter Scott was elected to represent Alexandra Ward. Councillor Scott is a member of the Liberal Democrat Group.

8.3 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.

- 8.4 Additional changes to Liberal Democrat memberships of committees are as follows:
- Councillor Bloch to replace Councillor Baker on the Council and Employee JCC.
  - Ex-Councillor Hoban to be removed from the Disciplinary Pool.
  - Councillor Scott will be a member of the Muswell Hill Area Assembly.
- 8.5 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.