



Haringey Council

Report for:	Regulatory Committee 9 September 2014	Item Number:	
Title:	Variation to the membership of Planning and Licensing Sub-Committees		
Report Authorised by:	Bernie Ryan, Assistant Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer <i>Bernie Ryan</i>		
Lead Officer:	Maria Fletcher, Committee Secretariat		
Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions: N/A		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 To seek approval for a variation to the membership of the Planning Sub-Committee and one of the two Licensing Sub-Committees for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

Not applicable.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To approve the proposed revised membership of the Planning Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee A for the remainder of the municipal year.

4. Other options considered

Not applicable.



5. Background information

- 5.1 The Regulatory Committee established a Planning Committee and two Licensing Sub-Committees at its first meeting of the municipal year on 12 June 2014. Although the membership for these was reported up to Annual Council, legally it is the Regulatory Committee that formally appoints these Sub-Committees' membership and confirms their terms of reference. This is in line with the Regulatory Committee terms of reference currently set out in Part 3 B of the Council's Constitution and attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 5.3 Subsequent to the establishment of the Committees on 12 June, a revision is being sought to the membership of the Planning Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee A as set out in Appendix 2 to this report following a request from the Members concerned.
- 5.4 The variation proposed to the membership of Licensing Sub Committee A would not result in any change to the current established political balance of the Licensing Sub Committees i.e. 2 Labour and 1 Lib Dem Members a piece.
- 5.5 With regards to the Planning Sub-Committee, membership must be constituted in accordance 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. The proportionality split is as follows: Labour Councillors (48 Members) now constitute 84.2% of the available seats on the Council and Liberal Democrats Councillors (9 Members) occupy 15.79%. Where practicable, the allocation of seats on Committees should be in line with the proportion of seats on the Council held by the political groups. The rule about proportionate allocation of seats on bodies overall takes precedence over the rule about proportionate allocation on any individual body. The proposed change would reduce the number of Labour members on the Planning Committee from 11 to 9 which would remain in line with the above rule.
- 5.11 The quorum for Planning Sub Committee meetings shall remain in line with Part four section B of the Constitution in that no business shall be transacted unless a quarter of the whole number of voting Members are present (reduced from the current 13 Members to the proposed 11 Members).

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

- 6.1 The Chief Finance Officer confirms that there are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

7. Comments of Assistant Director of Corporate Governance

- 7.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted and approves the content of this report. The legal implications are dealt with in the body of the report.



Haringey Council

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

8.1 The Policy and Equalities Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and have commented that the report has no obvious implications for the Council's public sector equality duty.

9. Head of Procurement Comments

Not applicable.

10. Use of Appendices

10.1 Appendix 1 to this report is the terms of reference of the Regulatory Committee

10.2 Appendix 2 to this report is the proposed revised membership of the Planning and Licensing Sub- Committees

11. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

11.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

(i) The Council's Constitution and (ii) Local Licensing Procedure rules.

