

Report for:	Extraordinary Full Council	Item number	
	16 October 2014		

Title:	Changes to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees and Sub Bodies.
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Report authorised by :	Chief Executive <i>Berna Ryan P.P Nick Walkley</i>
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Ward(s) affected: N/A	Report for Key/Non Key Decision: N/A
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

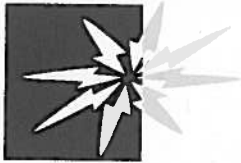
- 1.1 To note the changes to Political Group officer positions, as notified to the Chief Executive.
- 1.2 To agree changes to Committee memberships resulting from the recent by-election.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the changes to Political Group composition, and political group officers as detailed in paragraphs 4.2 & 4.3 be noted.
- 3.2 That the resultant changes to Council body memberships as detailed in paragraph 4.5 be agreed.



#### 4. Background

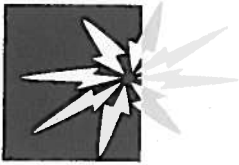
- 4.1 The Chief Executive was notified on 19 July 2014 of the death of Councillor Pat Egan.
- 4.2 Following the death of Councillor Egan, the position of Chief Whip became vacant in the Labour Group, and Councillor Liz McShane was subsequently confirmed as Chief Whip by her political group on 25 September 2014.
- 4.3 Following a By-Election on 2 October 2014, Charles Wright was elected to represent Woodside Ward. Councillor Wright is a member of the Labour Group.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Additional changes to Labour Group memberships of committees are as follows and as also detailed in Appendix 1 attached:
  - Councillor Wright to replace Councillor McShane on the Corporate Committee.
  - Councillor Wright will be a member of the Wood Green Area Forum and Committee.
- 4.6 Changes to appointments can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

#### 5. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Implications

N/A

#### 6. Comments of the Asst Director Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer and Legal Implications

- 6.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report.



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The report sets out at 4.5 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.

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However, the changes to the Labour Group memberships of committees have not resulted in any changes to the political balance of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

1. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Background papers

The following papers have been used in the preparation of this report and can be inspected at River Park House, 225 High Road Wood Green, London, N22 8HQ by contacting Clifford Hart on 020 8489 2920: