

Report for: Extraordinary Full Council, 8 October 2015

Item number: 5

Title: Changes to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees and Sub Bodies/Outside bodies.

Report authorised by : Chief Executive

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

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 and outside body appointments resulting from the recent by-elections.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the changes to Political Group composition, as detailed in paragraphs 4.3 be noted.
- 3.2 That the resultant changes to Council body memberships and outside body appointments as detailed in paragraph 4.5 be agreed.

4. Background information

- 4.1 The Chief Executive was notified on 16 July 2015 of the death of Councillor George Meehan.
- 4.2 The Chief Executive was notified on 20 July 2015 of the resignation of Councillor Denise Marshall due to ill health.

- 4.3 Following a By-Election on 17 September 2015, Councillor Stephen Mann was elected to represent Noel Park Ward, and Councillor Peter Mitchell was elected to represent Woodside Ward. Councillors Stephen Mann and Peter Mitchell are members 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 and outside bodies are as follows and as also detailed in Appendix 1 attached:
- Councillor Peter Mitchell to fill the vacancy on the Regulatory Committee.
 - Councillor Stephen Mann to fill the outside body vacancy on the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee
 - Councillor Stephen Mann to be appointed to the Council, Collage Arts (outside body)
- 4.6 Changes to appointments to Committees and outside bodies 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
N/A

Assistant Director of Corporate Governance

- 5.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

6.1 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:

Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Local Government Act 2000.
Report to Annual Council on Committee Appointments