

**Report for:** Full Council

**Item number:**

**Title:** Changes to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

**Report author:** The Chief Executive

**Ward(s) affected:** N/A

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

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

To ask Council to note recent changes of political group memberships and to agree subsequent changes in Committee Memberships and an appointment to an outside body.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

**3. Recommendations**

1. That Full Council note:

- a) The changes to Political Group composition detailed at 4.1
- b) The decision taken between meetings to ensure the Corporate Committee and Staffing and Remuneration Committee remained proportionate, as required by statute.

2. That Full Council agree:

- a) The changes in Committee membership, as detailed at 4.4
- b) The appointment of Cllr Barbara Blake to the Board of the Bridge Renewal Trust, as detailed at 4.6

**4. Reasons for decision**

4.1 Since the July meeting of Full Council, Councillor Elliott notified the Chief Executive that she would cease to be a member of the Liberal Democrat Group and would instead join the Labour Group.

4.2 In addition, Councillor Brabazon was returned as a Councillor for the Harringay Ward at a by-election on 28 July, following the resignation from the Council of James Ryan. Councillor Tucker was returned as a Councillor for the St Ann's Ward at a by-election on 6 October, following the resignation from the Council of Peter Morton. Both Councillor Brabazon and Councillor Tucker are members of the Labour group.

4.3 Given the need under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 to ensure groups are proportionate as far as possible in accordance with the

Council's political balance, an urgent decision was taken between meetings to update Committee memberships as necessary. The report of the decision taken on 17 August, is attached at Appendix A. It sets out that Councillor Elliott would be removed from the Staffing and Remuneration Committee and the Corporate Committee and that Councillor Engert would be appointed to the Corporate Committee and Councillor Ross would be appointed to the Staffing and Remuneration Committee.

4.4 The Labour Chief Whip is also commending the following changes to Committee Memberships to Full Council:

- a. Councillor Brabazon to take the position on the Regulatory Committee vacated by former councillor James Ryan
- b. Councillor Adamou to take the position on the Corporate Committee vacated by former councillor Peter Morton
- c. Councillor Tucker to replace Councillor Adamou on the Pensions Committee and Board
- d. Councillor J Mann to replace Councillor Berryman on the Alexandra Palace and Park Board

4.5 Further changes to sub-committees and panels will need to be made by their respective parent Committee or body.

#### Outside Body Appointments

4.6 At Annual Council in May 2016, former councillor Peter Morton was appointed to the Bridge Renewal Trust by the Council. The Labour Chief Whip has asked that Council agree that he be replaced by Councillor Barbara Blake.

## **5. Background information**

5.1 As set out at Article 4.02 (l) at Part 2 of the Council's Constitution, and at paragraph 1 (l) of Part 3 Section B of the Constitution (Responsibilities and Functions) only the Council may make changes to membership of the Council's non-executive Committees.

5.2 As set out at Article 4.02 (p) at Part 2 of the Council's Constitution, and at paragraph 1 (p) of Part 3 Section B of the Constitution (Responsibilities and Functions) only the Council may appoint representatives to outside bodies, with the exception of those that are Cabinet appointments. Article 10.08 at Part 2 of the Council's Constitution sets out arrangements for Outside Bodies.

5.3 Information about proportionality and decision-taking between meetings can be found in Appendix A.

## **6. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

N/A

## **7. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

**Finance and Procurement**

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

**Legal**

This report was prepared with the contribution of the Monitoring Officer.

**Equality**

N/A

**8. Use of Appendices**

Appendix A – Record of Committee Chair’s Urgent Action

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

a. Haringey Council’s Constitution