

**COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b> 23 May 2018 (AGM)	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b> Open  If exempt, the reason will be listed in the main body of this report.
<b>Appendix 1 – Schedule of appointments to committees and commissions to be tabled at the meeting.</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED</b> All Wards	
<b>GROUP DIRECTOR</b> Tim Shields, Chief Executive	

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report requests the Council to approve the membership of its Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Commissions for the municipal year 2018/2019, as set out in paragraph 3. A schedule of the membership will be tabled at the meeting as an appendix to this report when details are available.
- 1.2 The terms of reference of all Council Committees and Commissions are as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. This report also requests Council to approve the membership of those bodies and recommends to these bodies the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Sub-Committees in accordance with the details set out in paragraph 3 and in, a schedule to be tabled at the Annual Meeting when details of all nominees are available.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Full Council:
- i) Approves the membership of the Committees, Commissions and other bodies with the Membership as set-out in the report and as laid around at the meeting, and
  - ii) Proposes the appointments of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Sub-committees, as appropriate, for these Committees, Commissions and other bodies, as laid at the meeting, so as to enable these bodies to consider the relevant appointments, at their first meeting.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The allocation of seats on appropriate Council Committees to achieve a political balance where required by law will be based on the following formula:

Labour	52	91%
Conservative	5	9%

- 3.2 Those Council Committees to which the political balance rules apply are as follows with the total number of seats available on those Committees, excluding co-optees, being in brackets:

- Audit Committee [7]
- Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission [12]
- Working in Hackney Scrutiny Commission [7]
- Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission [8]
- Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission [7]
- Appointments Committee [5]
- Corporate Committee [15]
  - Planning Sub [9]
- Licensing Committee [15]

- Licensing Subs [3]
- Pensions Committee [7]
- Standards Committee [9]

### 3.3 Applying the agreed formula provides the following allocation

<b>Committee/Commission</b>	<b>Total Number</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>Con</b>
Audit Committee	7	6	1
Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission	12	11	1
Working in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	7	6	1
Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	8	7	1
Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	7	6	1
Scrutiny Panel – drawn from the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Commissions plus 1 minority group member and 1 majority group member who is not on the Executive or the Commissions	10	9	1
Appointments Committee	5	5	
Corporate Committee	15	14	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Sub Committee [to be drawn from the membership of the Corporate Committee]</li> </ul>	9	8	1
Licensing Committee	15	14	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five 3 Member Licensing Sub Committees will be drawn from the membership of the Licensing Committee to reflect the overall political proportionality of that Committee</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing Sub A</li> </ul>	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing Sub B</li> </ul>	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing Sub C</li> </ul>	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing Sub D</li> </ul>	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing Sub E</li> </ul>	3		
Pensions Committee	7	6	1
Standards Committee	9	8	1

3.4 The political balance rules do not apply to the Health and Wellbeing Board which has a core membership prescribed by the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

3.5 The political balance rules do not apply to the Council Joint Committee which has its own Constitution and which is a joint advisory group with the trade unions.

3.6 The political balance rules also do not apply to the Ward Forums, which are led by the elected Councillors in each ward. Forums have been established for all

21 wards in the borough to represent and promote the needs of the ward within the Council.

- 3.7 Council has also previously agreed that the Standards Committee shall be exempt from the political balance requirements in order to provide for a place for Minority Groups on the Standards Committee as set out above.
- 3.8 Whilst the Opposition Group does not have a seat on the Appointments Committee due to its small size: the principal function of that Committee is to agree to the establishment of any Sub Committee necessary to interview and appoint to a Group Director-level post, and again custom and practise have always dictated that this Group will be offered a seat on any such Sub Committee which is established for that purpose.
- 3.9 Details of the named membership of all Council Committees and Commissions will be set out in the schedule to this report, which will be tabled at the meeting when details of all nominees are available.
- 3.10 Council is also asked to recommend to the Committees, Commissions and other bodies the proposed appointments of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Sub-committees, which will also be tabled at the meeting. The relevant appointments will be made at their first meeting, an extraordinary meeting has been called for both the Corporate and Licensing Committee, to make these appointments and to establish the sub-committees in order to avoid any delay in these sub-committees being able to meet and carry out their functions.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES**

- 4.1 There are no additional budgetary implications arising from the changes outlined in this report. All costs are contained within the current approved budget.

#### **5 COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL**

- 5.1 This report asks full Council to approve the arrangement of the Council's Committees and Commissions in order to perform statutory and other functions on behalf of Full Council following the local and mayoral elections.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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