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CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBER LEVEL COMMITTEES

MEETING: COUNCIL

DATE: 22 JULY 2015

REPORT BY: COMMITTEE AND SCRUTINY COORDINATOR

WARDS: ALL

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES: ALL

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BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR PUBLIC REPORTS: Nil

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To appoint a member to fill a vacant seat on the Planning Committee
- 1.2 To appoint a member to fill a vacant seat on the Licensing Committee

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council approves the appointment of Councillor Wall to sit on the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2015/16.
- 2.2 That Council approves the appointment of Councillor Slack to sit on the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2015/16.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Annual Business Meeting of the Council held on 18 May, 2015 it was resolved that the Planning and Licensing Committees would consist of 15 members each.
- 3.2 In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 with regard to political balance the Planning Committee would be made up of 12 Labour Group members and 3

Liberal Democrat Group members, and that the Licensing Committee would be made up of 12 Labour Group members, 2 Liberal Democrat Group members and the 1 UKIP member of the Council.

- 3.3 At the Annual Council Meeting held on 20 May, 2015 it was resolved that the recommendations on Committee appointments made at the Annual Business Meeting of the Council of 18 May, 2015 be approved subject to the amendments of Councillor Hitchin to replace Councillor Slack on the Appeals and Regulatory Committee and Councillor Hitchin not to take his seat on the Planning Committee, and that the vacancy created would be filled at a later date.
- 3.4 As a result of these changes the Planning Committee currently has 14 rather than 15 members.

4.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 4.1 The Labour Group Leader and Executive Leader of the Council has indicated that they would like to appointment Councillor Wall to take the vacant seat, allocated to the Labour Group on the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2015/16.
- 4.2 As the Council's Constitution states that no member may sit on both the Planning and Licensing Committees the proposed appointment of Cllr Wall to the Planning Committee would create a vacancy on the Licensing Committee.
- 4.3 The Labour Group Leader and Executive Leader of the Council has indicated that they would like to appointment Councillor Slack to take the vacant seat on the Licensing Committee, (created by the proposed appointment of Cllr Wall to the Planning Committee) for the municipal year 2015/16.

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