

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise the Council of revised proportionality entitlements following a change to the membership of the Labour Group, agree the allocation of seats on Committees and make the necessary appointments to seats on the Council's Committees that were appointed on 16th May.
- 1.2 To notify the Council of the establishment of a Cabinet Commercial Sub-Committee and the Lead Members the Leader has appointed to it.

2. Recommendations

The Council is requested to resolve:

- (a) That the revised proportionality and entitlement to committee seats as set out in Appendix 1 be noted and that seats be allocated in accordance with the rules of proportionality as set out therein;
- (b) That Councillor Sharif be appointed to the Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Dhaliwal.
- (c) That Members be appointed to the seats allocated in accordance with the nominations received from political groups as follows:
 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Matloob in place of Councillor Sharif
 - Education and Children's Service Scrutiny Panel – Councillor (to be advised) in place of Councillor Sharif.
- (d) That the report of Leader notifying the Council of the established of a Cabinet Commercial Sub-Committee be received.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan

Effective, transparent and equitable decision making processes are an essential pre-requisite to the delivery of all the Council's priorities.

4. Other implications

(a) Legal Implications

The recommendations within this report meet legal requirements, primarily in Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations. Any proposed departure from political proportionality can only be agreed if no member votes against the proposal.

(b) Financial Implications

There are no other workforce, financial or other implications arising from this administrative report.

5 Supporting Information

Group Membership/Proportionality

- 5.1 A Notice has been received in accordance with Regulation 10 (c) of The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, advising that Councillor Sharif is no longer to be treated as a member of the Labour Group. Councillor Sharif is therefore an Independent Councillor.
- 5.2 Proportionality and allocation of Committee Places has been re-calculated based on revised Group Membership and Appendix 1 details entitlement to Committee Places. The result of the change in the membership of the Labour Group from 37 to 36 is that the Labour Group lose one seat on Licensing Committee.
- 5.3 Proportionality entitles the two independent Councillors (Councillors Sandhu and Sharif) to two seats in total. Councillor Sandhu was appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16th May.

Committee/Panel appointments

- 5.4 The change in Group Membership results in a Labour Group vacancy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Education and Children's Services Panel in place of Councillor Sharif. Nominations for these vacancies have been received from the Labour Group and are set out in paragraph 2 (c).

Cabinet Commercial Sub-Committee

- 5.5 The Executive Procedure Rules require the Leader to inform the Council of the establishment, terms of reference and membership of any Sub-Committees of the Cabinet.
- 5.5 At its meeting on 17th June 2019 the Cabinet agreed that a Commercial Sub-Committee be set up to maximise existing and future commercial and business development opportunities within the Council.
- 5.6 The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee were agreed by the Cabinet on 16th September 2019 and are set out in Appendix 2. The Leader of the Council will chair the Sub-Committee and appoint three other Lead Members each year with the relevant portfolios to serve on the Sub-Committee. For 2019/20, the Leader has

appointed the Lead Members for Governance & Customer Services, Housing & Community Safety and Transport & Environmental Services. The first meeting of the Sub-Committee is scheduled for 1st October 2019.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proportionality.

Appendix 2 – Cabinet Commercial Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.

7 Background Papers

None.