

# Cheltenham Borough Council

## Council

21 July 2014

### Committee appointments following Charlton Park election

<b>Accountable member</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Accountable officer</b>	<b>Chief Executive, Andrew North</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Significant Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Executive summary</b>	<p>Following the election of Councillor Paul Baker (Liberal Democrat) as the member for Charlton Park Ward replacing former Councillor Penny Hall (Conservative) at the election on 3 July 2014 there has been a slight change to the political balance of the Council from 24 Lib Dems, 12 Conservatives and 4 PABS to 25, 11, 4 respectively.</p> <p>This impacts on the following committees appointed by Council which require some adjustment in order to maintain political balance on each committee and across all committees of the Council as a whole.</p> <p><b>Planning Committee – currently 15 members</b> Was (5 Con, 9 Lib Dem and 1 PAB) and is now (4 Con, 9 Lib Dem and 1.5 PABs). In order to preserve the overall balance across all committees it was suggested to Group Leaders that the committee could be reduced to 14 members with (4 Con, 9 Lib Dem and 1 PAB). Group Leaders for the Conservatives and PAB confirmed their agreement to this proposal.</p> <p>Councillor Penny Hall was vice-chair of the Planning Committee so a new vice-chair needs to be appointed. The chairs and vice-chairs for all committees were elected at Selection Council on 2 June 2014 and so on that basis any changes should be agreed by Council.</p> <p><b>Appointments and Remuneration Committee - 9 members</b> Was (3 Con, 5 Lib Dem and 1 PAB) and is now (2 Con, 6 Lib Dem, 1 PAB) so the Lib Dems can nominate an additional member. Former Councillor Penny Hall was on this committee.</p> <p><b>JNC Appeals Committee/ Licensing and O&amp;S committee - 1 substitute vacancy for the Conservatives on each</b></p> <p><b>JNC Disciplinary Committee – Conservatives lose one seat.</b> Currently PABs have no seats on this committee but it would be preferable to have all parties represented although this would make the PABs slightly exceed their representation over all committees. The recommendation is that the PABs nominate one member and a substitute on that basis.</p> <p>The Group Leaders were advised of the position on 7 July 2014 and their nominations are set out in the following table.</p>

<b>Committee/ working group</b>	<b>Lib Dem</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>PAB</b>	<b>Council decision required</b>
Planning Committee	Lib Dems to nominate revised membership if required	Nominate Vice-chair	No change	Council to agree new composition of 14 members, note new Lib Dem appointments and appoint new vice- chair.
Appointments and Remuneration Committee	To nominate an additional member and substitute if required	No change as Penny Hall is no longer on the committee	No change	Council to agree new committee composition and appointments
JNC Appeals Committee	No change	Councillor Smith as substitute	No change	Council to note
JNC Disciplinary	No change	Councillor Wall to stand down	Councillor Lillywhite as member and Cllr Stennet as sub	Council to agree new composition and appointments
Licensing Committee		Nominate a substitute		
O&S Committee		Nominate a substitute		

**Recommendations**

**We therefore recommend that Council approve:**

**Amendments to the membership of the Planning Committee, the Appointments and Remuneration Committee, the JNC Appeals Committee and the JNC Disciplinary Committee and as set out in the table**

**A Councillor be appointed as vice-chair of Planning Committee**

<b>Financial implications</b>	No financial implications
<b>Legal implications</b>	The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to approve the revised political balance and allocation of seats to political groups as soon as practicable following a change in political group numbers.  <b>Contact officer: Sara Freckleton, Borough Solicitor</b> <b>sara.freckleton@teWKesbury.gov.uk, 01684 272012</b>
<b>HR implications (including learning and organisational development)</b>	None
<b>Key risks</b>	None
<b>Corporate and community plan Implications</b>	None

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<b>Appendices</b>	None
<b>Background information</b>	Minutes of Selection Council 2 June 2014