

LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE 09/02/2022
REPORT OF The Monitoring Officer
SUBJECT Hackney Carriage Sub Committee Membership
STATUS Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

Good governance arrangements contribute directly to the achievement of the Council's strategic aims.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A report updating the Licensing and Community Protection Committee on membership of the Hackney Carriage Sub Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Councillor Dawkins' replacement of Councillor Westcott as a member of the Hackney Carriage Sub Committee be ratified.
2. That Councillor Westcott be re-appointed as a member of the Hackney Carriage Sub Committee to fill the vacant seat caused by the passing of Councillor Woodward.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Hackney Carriage Sub Committee is a sub committee of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee. As such, it has powers to determine its membership.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 The membership of the Hackney carriage Sub Committee for the current Municipal Year was agreed at the Licensing and Community Protection Committee meeting held on 22nd June 2021.
- 1.2 Since that meeting, in September 2021, there was a request from the Conservative Group for Councillor Dawkins to replace Councillor Westcott on the sub committee. Informal agreement for this change was sought from committee members via email correspondence to allow it proceed without the need to wait for the next meeting of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee. This was principally to ensure that there were no quoracy issues with the scheduled sub committee meetings. This informal change was agreed and is now brought to this committee for formal ratification.
- 1.3 Following the sad passing of Councillor Woodward, Chair of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee and a member of the Hackney Carriage Sub Committee, there is a vacant Conservative seat on the sub committee. The Conservative Group has proposed that this vacant seat be filled by Councillor Westcott.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Maintaining full membership of the Hackney Carriage Sub Committee will ensure that meetings are able to proceed and full consideration given to hackney carriage and private hire licensing matters.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The reputation of the Council may be brought into question if it is not able to fulfil its decision-making obligations as a result of not being quorate for meetings. As such it is important to maintain full membership of its committees and sub-committees. In this case, the sub committee is responsible for decisions affecting the livelihood of licence holders and the safety of the wider community.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial considerations arising from the recommendations in this report.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications for children and young people arising from the recommendations in this report.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the main body of the report.

10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct human resource implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

11. WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards indirectly affected.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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