Membership of Committees – Appointment of New Councillor to Licensing Committee

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1. Purpose of the Report

To confirm an amendment to the Licensing Committee membership following the appointment of Councillors to various committees and working groups at Council on 21st May 2019.

2. Public Interest

Each year at their annual meeting, Council agree to appoint Councillors to the various committees and to represent SSDC on outside organisations. This report confirms the wishes of the Conservative group to make an amendment to the Councillors appointed to the Licensing Committee.

3. Recommendation

In accordance with Section 16 (1) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the duty therein to give effect to the wishes of the political group to which seats on any committee are allocated, the Council confirm that:-

a) A Councillor be appointed to the Licensing Committee

4. Report

The membership of committees and working groups for 2019/20 was approved at the Annual Council meeting on 21st May 2019. Since then Councillor Nick Colbert has indicated that he wishes to step down from the Licensing Committee. The Licensing Committee is not required to be in political balance and the current political composition is 10 Lib Dem, 4 Cons and 1 Independent Member. Members are asked to appoint a new Councillor to the Committee.

Any new appointment will be required to undertake specific training in Licensing issues.

5. Background Papers

Minutes of Council – 21st May 2019, 20th June 2019, 18th July 2019, 19th September 2019 and 19th December 2019