

 <p><b>Brent</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee</b> 26 May 2015</p> <p><b>Report from the Chief Legal Officer</b></p>
<p>For action</p>	<p align="right">Wards Affected: All</p>
<p><b>Representation of political groups on sub-committees</b></p>	

## **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20 May 2015 Full Council will be asked to review the representation of political groups on main committees. As soon as practicable after such a review, those committees are required to conduct a review of the representation of political groups on any sub-committees they may have.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Note the size of the sub-committees;
- 2.2 Agree the allocation of seats on the sub-committees as set out in paragraph 3.4;
- 2.3 Appoint chairs, members and substitutes to the sub-committees.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 Once a review of representation of political groups gives rise to new membership on a main committee, that committee in turn falls under a duty to review the representation of political groups on its sub-committees.
- 3.2 Due to the balance of seats held by the political parties the political balance rules do not readily apply to this committee's sub-committees and accordingly the sub-committees will not always be politically balanced.
- 3.3 The current size of the political groups on the Council is reflected in a political balance on the committee of 15 Labour – 2 Conservative (1 Conservative and 1 Brondesbury Park Conservative). Only members

of the committee may be appointed to the sub-committees. By removing political balance on the sub-committees it enables there to be as near an equal likelihood as possible of each member being called upon to attend meetings of a sub-committee.

- 3.4 The recommendation is therefore to appoint chairs, members and alternates to the three sub-committees in the following proportions:

Size of sub-committees: 3 members

	Labour	Conservative or Brondesbury Park Conservative
Sub-Committee (A)	3	0
Sub-Committee (B)	2	1
Sub-Committee (C)	3	0

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 These are addressed in the body of the report.

#### **6.0 Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 This report has been screened by officers and there are not considered to be any diversity implications arising from it.

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