



**Alcohol and Entertainment
Licensing Committee**
22 November 2010

**Report from the Democratic
Services Manager**

For action

Wards Affected:
All

Representation of political groups on sub committees

Summary

The purpose of this report is to follow up on the decision of the Constitutional Working Group to recommend the removal of political balance on the committee's sub-committees in order that the members of this committee may be appointed evenly across the three sub-committees.

Recommendation:

To appoint chairs and vice chairs, members and alternates to the sub-committee(s) as indicated in (3) below.

Description

- (1) The Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee has previously been required under the Brent Constitution, although not by law, to apply the political balance rules when making appointments to its sub-committees.
- (2) The current size of the political groups on the Council is reflected in a political balance on the committee of 10 Labour - 4 Liberal Democrats - 1 Conservative. Only members of the committee may be appointed to the sub-committees. By removing political balance on the sub-committees it will enable there to be as near an equal likelihood as possible of each member serving on a sub-committee.

- (3) The recommendation is therefore to remove the requirement to apply political balance and appoint chairs and vice chairs, members and alternates to the three sub-committees in the following proportions:

	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Conservative
sub-committee A	2	1	0
sub-committee B	2	0	1
sub-committee C	2	1	0

and in some cases alternates from different parties.

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