

	<p style="text-align: center;">Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee 23 May 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Democratic Services Manager</p>
For action	Wards Affected: All
<p style="text-align: center;">Representation of political groups on sub committees</p>	

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 At its meeting on 16 May 2012 the Council is 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. This report sets out the rules to be applied during the course of the review.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Note the size of the sub-committees;
- 2.2 Agree the allocation of seats on the sub-committees to each of the political groups set out in paragraph 3.4;
- 2.3 Appoint chairs, members and alternates 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 The Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee is no longer required under the Brent Constitution to apply the political balance rules when making appointments to its sub-committees.
- 3.3 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 enables there to be as near an equal likelihood as possible of each member serving on 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	Liberal Democrat	Conservative
sub-committee A	2	1	0
sub-committee B	2	0	1
sub-committee C	2	1	0

- 3.5 In some cases alternates for each member will be from different political groups.

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.

Background Papers

The Brent Constitution

Local Government and Housing Act 1989

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