

Part A

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: 15 October 2019

Report author: Democratic Services Manager

Title: Appointment of new councillor

1.0 Summary

1.1 Following a casual vacancy, a by-election was held on 10 October at which Councillor Bill Stanton, Liberal Democrat, was elected for Tudor ward.

1.2 Council needs to appoint Councillor Stanton to a committee and note the political balance of the council.

2.0 Risks

2.1

Nature of risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response (treat, tolerate, terminate or transfer)	Risk Rating (combination of severity and likelihood)
There are gaps on committees	Committees are not able to function effectively	Appoint councillors to any vacancies	Treat	3

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 That Council notes the political balance remains unchanged following the by-election.

3.2 That Council agrees to appoint Councillor Stanton to Finance Scrutiny Committee.

3.3 That Council agrees to appoint Councillor Martins to the Licensing Committee.

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4.0 Detailed proposal

- 4.1 A by-election was held in Tudor ward on 10 October. Councillor Bill Stanton, Liberal Democrat, was elected. As Councillor Stanton is replacing a Liberal Democrat the overall political balance remains unchanged.
- 4.2 Following the resignation of Joe Fahmy, there is a vacancy for a Liberal Democrat councillor on the Licensing Committee. Councillor Martins has been nominated for council approval to take this seat. An additional licensing training session will be arranged.
- 4.3 Councillor Stanton is nominated for a seat on the Finance Scrutiny committee, subject to council approval. Scrutiny training will be provided as part of Councillor Stanton's induction.

5.0 Implications

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 There are no financial implications.

5.2 Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)

- 5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that council is required to appoint to Committees according to the political balance of the council. All councillors on licensing committee are required to have had licensing training.

5.3 Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection

- 5.3.1 The allocation of seats is carried out in accordance with Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Regulations require that seats on ordinary Committees are allocated in accordance with political balance
- 5.3.2 Having had regard to the council's obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018, it is considered that officers are not required to undertake a Data Processing Impact Assessment (DPIA) for this report.

5.4 Staffing

- 5.4.1 None

5.5 **Accommodation**

5.5.1 None

5.6 **Community Safety/Crime and Disorder**

5.6.1 None

5.7 **Sustainability**

5.7.1 None

Appendices

None

Background papers

No papers were used in the preparation of this report.