




Report to:	Council	Date:	12 September 2016
Report title:	Committee Places Update		
Report from:	Jessica Crowe, Monitoring Officer		
Ward/Areas affected:	Borough Wide		
Chair of Committee/Lead Member:	Not Applicable		
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Corporate Plan Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open Council • A Fair Council 		
Open/Exempt:	Open		
Signed:		Date:	23 August 2016

1. Summary

- 1.1 To review and note the allocation of seats on committees in accordance with statutory requirements following the recent by-election in Carshalton Central ward.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note there is no change to the division of seats and the percentage allocation of seats of each political group on the Council following the by election.
- 2.2 To agree the changes to committee membership as set out in paragraph 4.1
- 2.3 To agree that where there are any outstanding places the relevant political group may give written notice to the Monitoring Officer of their appointments.
- 2.4 To agree to the appointment of Ifat Shah as the Council's Independent Person in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.



3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 established the principle of the proportional allocation of committee and sub-committee seats. Council is required under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to review the representation of different political groups on bodies to which it makes appointments whenever there is a change in political representation. As the recent by-election did not result in a change in political representation there is no requirement to review the allocation of seats to committees and sub-committees.

4. Issues

Committee Places

- 4.1 There are committee membership issues outstanding following the recent by-election. The following nominations have been made by the Liberal Democrat Group to fill vacant positions:
- Adult, Social Services and Health Committee – Chris Williams
 - Audit Committee – To be confirmed
 - Scrutiny Committee - Chris Williams
 - Carhalton and Clockhouse Local Committee Vice Chair - Chris Williams

Independent Person

- 4.2 The Council is required to appoint an independent person under the Localism Act 2011 to assist in the consideration of Code of Conduct Complaints. Following advertisement and promotion of the role and a selection process it is recommended that Ifat Shah is appointed as an Independent Person. The Standards Committee terms of reference suggest that this appointment should be for a 1 year term, with the possibility of extending for a further year. Due to the challenges of attracting suitable candidates to the role it is recommended that the Independent Person is appointed until the Annual Meeting in 2018.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 None - Council is required under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to review the representation of different political groups on bodies to which it makes appointments whenever there is a change in political representation. The Act requires that the review should be held at the Annual Meeting or as soon as practicable after that meeting or the change has occurred.

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

Legal

- 6.2 The legal implications are outlined in the body of the report.



7. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
	None

Background documents
None

Audit Trail		
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Consultation with other officers		
Finance	No	N/A
Legal	Yes	Fiona Thomsen
Integrated Impact Assessment required?	No	N/A

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