



City of Westminster

# General Purposes Committee

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>General Purposes Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>1 July 2015</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>For General Release</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Membership of the Licensing Committee</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<b>There are no financial implications</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Head of Legal and Democratic Services</b>

## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to allow a recommendation to be submitted to the Council for a change to the membership of the Licensing Committee.
- 1.2 The Council has agreed to establish a Licensing Committee of 15 members of the Council based on a proportional split of 11 Majority group members and 4 Minority group members. The Council has also appointed the Members to serve on the Licensing Committee and from time to time agreed changes to the membership.
- 1.3 Councillor Guthrie McKie, Chief Whip of the Minority Party has asked that arrangements be made for Councillor Murad Gassanly to replace Councillor Patricia McAllister on the Licensing Committee.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Council be recommended to appoint Councillor Murad Gassanly to the membership of the Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Patricia McAllister.

## **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 The appointment of Members to the Licensing Committee is a matter reserved to full Council. Accordingly, the Council must be asked to agree the change in membership.

- 3.2 Arrangements will be made for Councillor Murad Gassanly to receive the necessary training to enable her to sit on the Licensing Sub-Committees which consider applications and reviews in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.3 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (rules relating to proportionality on Committees and Sub-Committees) does not apply to the Licensing Committee or its Sub-Committees.
- 3.4 The responsibility for appointing Members to the Licensing Committee sits with the full Council. Accordingly, it is intended to refer this proposal to the full Council meeting on 8 July 2015 for approval.

#### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 These are set out in the body of the report.

#### **5. Other Implications**

None.

**If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers please contact Mick Steward: 7641 3134**  
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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None.