

Report to:	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Date of Meeting	24 May 2017

FORMATION OF A PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 Members are requested to consider the constitution of a Public Protection Sub-Committee for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To agree to the constitution of a politically balanced Public Protection Sub-Committee with a membership of 7 (5 Labour and 2 Conservative).
- 2.2 Subject to the approval of 2.1 above, to note the membership of the proposed Sub-Committee as informed by the Group Leaders as follows: Councillors Collett, Hobson, Humphreys, Hutton, Singleton, Robertson BEM and M Scott.
- 2.3 That the functions assigned to the Public Protection Sub-Committee continue to be those as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.
- 2.4 To consider whether or not to appoint at this meeting, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Protection Sub-Committee.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Following the confirmation of the Committee structure at the Council meeting on the 15 May 2017, if the Licensing Committee wishes to delegate functions to a Public Protection Sub-Committee such a body needs to be created.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to create a Public Protection Sub-Committee which would mean that all the functions previously delegated would remain the responsibility of the Licensing Committee.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council at its meeting on 15 May 2017 recommended the constitution of a politically balanced Public Protection Sub-Committee with a membership of 7(5 Labour and 2 Conservative). The functions assigned to the Sub-Committee are as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. The Council will also be asked to recommend that the Sub-Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. The functions of the Licensing Committee under the Licensing Act 2003 would continue to be discharged by panels consisting of 3 members of the Licensing Committee. Members are reminded that these Panels are appointed as required by the Head of Democratic Governance.

5.2 If the Committee agrees to the creation of a Public Protection Sub-Committee, it should also consider whether it wishes to appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman at this meeting or to leave the appointments for consideration by the Sub-Committee itself.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 This Committee was reconstituted at the meeting of the Council on 15 May 2017 and as such the Public Protection Sub-Committee has to be reconstituted for this Municipal Year, in order for it to carry out its duties.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

11.1 None.

12.0 Background papers:

12.1 None.