

Report to:	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Date of Meeting:	22 September 2020

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 Following changes to the formation of this Committee and the resignation of the Vice-Chairman of the Public Protection Sub-Committee to consider appointing to the positions of Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Public Protection Sub-Committee.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the changes in membership of the Licensing Committee and Public Protection Sub-Committee.
- 2.2 To consider the appointment of a Vice -Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the remainder of Municipal Year 2020/2021
- 2.3 To consider the appointment of a Vice-Chairman of the Public Protection Sub-Committee for the remainder of Municipal Year 2020/2021

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A vacancy exists for both roles and it is strongly recommended that the position be filled to ensure the efficient administration of both the Licensing Committee and the Public Protection Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

- 4.1 Not to appoint a Vice-Chairman at this meeting which would leave a vacancy for this position.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is:

“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

6.0 Background information

6.1 The Council at its meeting on 11 May 2020, confirmed the continuing appointment of Councillor Rick Scott as Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee for 2020/2021 Municipal Year. The Public Protection Sub-Committee at its meeting on 3 June 2020 also appointed Councillor Rick Scott as its Vice-Chairman again for Municipal Year 2020/2021. This reflected a general principle previously adopted by the Council that the two roles should be undertaken by the same Councillor and by one from the largest Opposition Group.

6.2 Subsequent to the appointments, the Director of Governance and Partnerships has been notified by the Conservative Group on the 31 August 2020 that Councillor Rick Scott had been replaced on the Licensing Committee by Councillor Danny Scott. This change has created a vacancy for the Vice-Chairman of that Committee. The Director of Governance and Partnerships has also been notified by Councillor Rick Scott of his resignation as Vice-Chairman of the Public Protection Sub-Committee on 11 September 2020 with effect from 21 September 2020. This resignation has created another vacancy for the position. Councillor Rick Scott’s resignation had been prompted in part by a desire to continue the situation where the posts Vice-Chairman of both the Licensing Committee and Public Protection Sub-Committee would be undertaken by the same Councillor.

6.3 The Licensing Committee is therefore requested to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee and its Public Protection Sub-Committee for the remainder of this Municipal Year 2020/21, in effect until the Annual Council meeting on 17 May 2021.

6.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk Management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.