

Report to:	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Date of Meeting	3 June 2019

FORMATION OF A PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

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

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to the formation of a politically balanced Public Protection Sub-Committee with a membership of 9 (5 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 Norbreck Independent).

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, Critchley, Farrell, Hunter, Hutton, D Scott, R Scott, Wilshaw and Councillor Mrs Callow.

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.

2.5 To note that the meeting of the Public Protection Sub-Committee on the 12 June 2019 will start at 10am and to request the Public Protection Sub-Committee to consider the start-time of its future meetings.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Following the confirmation of the Committee structure at the Council meeting on the 22 May 2019, 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 22 May 2019 recommended the re-appointment of a politically balanced Public Protection Sub-Committee with a membership of 9(5 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 Norbreck Independent). The functions assigned to the Sub-Committee are as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. The Council agreed to recommend that the Sub-Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The Council at its meeting on the 22 May 2019 did not agree a set meeting time for the Public Protection Sub-Committee as given the length of the previous meetings it is considered that a 6pm may no longer be suitable. In view of the large number of items the meeting on Wednesday 12 June 2019 will start at 10am. The Public Protection Sub-Committee will then be asked to consider further the issue of meeting start-times.
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 This Committee was reconstituted at the meeting of the Council on 22 May 2019 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.