

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

18 JUNE 2014

SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF THE LICENSING PANEL
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF LEGAL AND MEMBER SERVICES
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Committee to undertake a review of the Licensing Panel and to appoint Members to serve on that Panel if it is to be retained in 2014-2015. The appointment of Members to this Panel is undertaken by the parent Committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Standing Order 33(1) requires that Committees should keep the need for panels under review and, in particular, the position must be reviewed at the first meeting of a Committee in each municipal year.

Only named deputies may attend panel meetings in place of a permanent member. Standing Order 25(6)(a) permits appointment of up to a maximum of eight deputies for each political group. It should be noted that deputies are normally called to serve in the order in which they are nominated.

Unless appointed as full members, the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the three largest political groups represented on the Council are entitled to attend meetings of all Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels, with the right to speak at the Chair's invitation, but not to vote (Standing Order 25(5) refers).

2.2 Licensing Panel

(a) Terms of Reference

- (1) To consider and determine licensing/registration matters except those dealt with by this Committee, the Licensing Act 2003 Committee, or matters delegated to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.
- (2) To exercise the powers and duties of the Council under the provisions of the Safety At Sports Grounds Act 1975 as regards the issue, monitoring, enforcement, review, amendment and renewal of safety certificates and the review of arrangements relating thereto.
- (3) Power to license persons to collect for charitable and other causes.

(b) Membership

If the Licensing Panel was to continue with seven members as in 2013-2014, the allocation of those places has to be politically proportionate. The Membership of the Licensing Panel (including deputies) for 2013-2014 consisted of seven members in the ratio 4:2:1 as shown below:-

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Deputies</u>
4 Labour Councillors	Bill Davies (Chair) Steve Niblock Adrian Jones John Salter	Jim Crabtree George Davies Christina Muspratt Anita Leech Irene Williams Denise Roberts Mike Sullivan Janette Williamson
2 Conservative Councillors	Andrew Hodson Mike Hornby	Eddie Boulton Adam Sykes Steve Williams Paul Hayes Chris Blakeley John Hale Peter Kearney Wendy Clements
1 Liberal Democrat Councillor	Pat Williams (s)	Alan Brighthouse Phil Gilchrist Tom Harney Stuart Kelly

2.3 If the Membership of the Licensing Panel is to continue with seven Members, the ratio would be 4:2:1.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that a Licensing Panel is appointed.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their Licensing Panel places.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 There are no implications for voluntary, community and faith groups.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

7.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No because there is no relevance to equality.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no planning or community safety implications.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

12.1 The Committee is requested:

- (i) to agree the terms of reference of the Licensing Panel set out in this report unless amended or otherwise changed by Council or the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee.
- (ii) to appoint members to the Licensing Panel, including the appointment of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Spokespersons and named deputies, for 2014/15.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 The Committee is required to appoint Members to serve on the Licensing Panel.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Previous reports on the appointment of Licensing Panel Membership and the Council's Constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing, Health & Safety & General Purposes Committee	22 May 2013
Licensing, Health & Safety & General Purposes Committee	23 May 2012
Licensing, Health & Safety & General Purposes Committee	25 May 2011