

Full Council

12 December 2023



Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Title: Committee Membership Update - Licensing Committee and Audit Committee

Ward: Citywide

Recommendation

That Full Council approves the appointment of Councillor Chris Jackson and Councillor Hibaq Jama to the Licensing Committee.

That Councillor Amal Ali be appointed Chair of the Licensing Committee.

That Councillor David Wilcox be appointed Vice Chair of the Audit Committee.

Summary

The Licensing Committee is established under Section 6 of the Licensing Act 2003 and is a standing Committee. Any vacancies on the Committee must be filled by the Full Council. This task is non-delegable, i.e. only Full Council can decide who will serve on the Committee.



Background and proposal

- 1.** The Council must have a Licensing Committee of between 10-15 Members. As one of the largest licensing authorities in the country, Bristol has established a 15 Member Committee. Members serve on the Committee until they either resign or are removed by the Full Council.
- 2.** Councillors Steve Pearce and Marley Bennett will step down from the Licensing Committee due to their increased responsibilities in other roles. Councillors Chris Jackson and Hibaq Jama have indicated that they would like to be appointed to the Committee.
- 3.** Full Council is accordingly asked to approve the appointment of Councillors Chris Jackson and Hibaq Jama to the Licensing Committee.
- 4.** Full Council has the option to appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs to committees/Commissions.
- 5.** Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of Councillor Amal Ali as Chair of the Licensing Committee.
- 6.** Councillor Tony Dyer has stepped down from Vice Chair of Audit Committee. Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of Councillor David Wilcox to Vice Chair of the Audit Committee.