	Council			Item 12
Colchester	18 October 2023			L
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Title	Revised Licensing Committee Membership			
Wards affected	Not applicable			

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Following a review of the political; balance after the recent Highwoods by-election Full Council is required to agree a change to the membership of the Licensing Committee.

2. Recommended Decision

2.1 To agree the revised membership of the Licensing Committee as detailed at paragraph 4.1 of this report.

3. Background

3.1 At the Annual Meeting on 24 May 2023 the Full Council approved the membership and political balance of its Committees and Panels. Following the result of the Highwoods by-election on 21 September 2023 the political balance of the Committees and Panels has been reviewed. The review has determined that the only change required is that the political balance of the Licensing Committee needs to be amended so that the Labour Group lose one seat and the Liberal Democrats gain one seat.

3.2 The Liberal Democrat Group have nominated Councillor Appleton to join the Committee and arrangements are underway to provide him with the necessary training. Former Councillor Bickersteth was a member of the Licensing Committee so no further changes are required to the Labour Group membership.

4. Proposals

4.1 It is therefore proposed that the revised membership of the Licensing Committee be as set out below.

Liberal Democrats	Conservative	Labour
Cllr Appleton	Cllr Buston	Cllr Bloomfield
Cllr Burrows	Cllr Hagon	Cllr Harris
Cllr Hogg	Cllr Mannion	Cllr McLean
Cllr King	Cllr Powling	
Cllr Spindler		

5.. Standard References

5.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan; consultation or publicity considerations or financial; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.