

## Decision under Delegated Powers

### Officer Requesting Decision

Democratic Services Manager

### Officer Making the Decision

Head of Strategic Support

### Recommendation

That Councillor Gill Bolton replaces Councillor Christine Harris as Labour appointment on the Licensing Committee.

### Reason

In order accordance with the wishes of the Leader of the Labour group.

### Authority for Decision

Whilst the Leader of the Council is able to appoint Cabinet members, allocate Executive responsibilities and make changes to the delegation of Executive functions, Committee appointments need a Council decision under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

The Head of Strategic Support has delegated authority to make interim committee appointments if notice is received from the relevant group leader (section 11.2(d) of the Constitution in respect of scrutiny appointments and section 12.4(a) of the Constitution in respect of other committee appointments).

### Decision and Date

### Background

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Councillor Christine Harris formally resigned as a Member of the Labour Party and the Group and as such was no longer entitled to sit on the Licensing Committee. Whilst in law there is no requirement for the Licensing Committee to be politically balanced, this convention has been applied at Charnwood Borough Council.

After consultation, the Leader of the Labour Group stated Councillor Gill Bolton would be the Labour group's replacement member.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no additional financial costs, since any expenses claimed relating to these duties would be met from the existing councillors' allowances budget.

## **Risk Management**

No risks have been identified with this decision.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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