

Cherwell District Council

Council

17 October 2016

<p>Result of Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote By-Election</p>

Report of Chief Executive

This report is public

Purpose of report

To advise Council of the result of the Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote by-election held on 22 September 2016, to note changes to membership of Committees as requested by the Conservative Group and to appoint a representative to the Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the results of the Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote by-election held on 22 September 2016.
- 1.2 To note the constitution of the Council following the by-election.
- 1.3 To note the amendments to Committee membership as requested by the Conservative Group following the by-election (paragraph 3.5)
- 1.4 To appoint a representative to the Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 Following the resignation of former Councillor Nigel Randall, a by-election for the vacant seat in the Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote ward of Cherwell District Council was held on 22 September 2016.
- 2.2 Following a district by-election the result is reported to Council for information. No adjustment to the allocation of seats and substitutes is necessary but the Leader of the Conservative Group has made amendments to the Conservative members on

the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee, Budget Planning Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Planning Committee membership.

- 2.3 A new Cherwell District Council representative to the Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee also needs to be appointed.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The overall turnout for the Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote by-election held on 22 September 2016 was 24.8%.

- 3.2 The number of votes cast for the candidates was:

Susan Christie (The Labour Candidate) - 286 votes

Naomi Isobel Kanetsuka (The Green Party Candidate) - 278 votes

Andrew John McHugh (The Conservative Party Candidate) - 1015 votes

Ian Richard Thomas (Liberal Democrat) - 189 votes

- 3.3 Andrew McHugh (Conservative Party) was duly elected.

- 3.4 Following the by-election, the constitution of the Council and political groups remains 38 (79%) Conservatives, 8 (17%) Labour and 2 (4%) Independent councillors.

- 3.5 The Leader of the Conservative Group has given notice of the following changes to Committee membership:

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

Add: Councillor Nick Mawer

Budget Planning Committee

Add: Councillor Andrew McHugh

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Remove: Councillor Nick Mawer

Add: Councillor Andrew McHugh

Planning Committee

Add: Councillor Ian Corkin

Substitutes

Remove: Councillor Ian Corkin

Add: Councillor Andrew McHugh

- 3.6 Former Councillor Nigel Randall had been appointed as the Council's representative to the Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the Annual Council meeting in May. Council is asked to appoint a new representative.

4 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The result of the Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodcote by-election is submitted to Council for information. Council is required to agree appointments to Committees in accordance with nominations made by political groups.

5.0 Consultation

None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: To amend the appointments to Committees. However Council is obliged to appoint members to Committees in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

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Legal Implications

- 7.2 It is a legal requirement for Council to agree proportionality and appoint committees.

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Risk Implications

- 7.3 In ensuring the legal requirements are met, risk to the authority is mitigated.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

All

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
None	
Background Papers	
None	
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