



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
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Name and date of Committee	Council – Wednesday 27 October 2021
Report Number	Agenda Item No. 8
Subject	Amendment to Committee Membership
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	Councillor Michele Mead, Leader of the Council Email: michele.mead@westoxon.gov.uk
Accountable officer	Amy Bridgewater-Carnall, Democratic Services Manager Amy.bridgewater-carnall@westoxon.gov.uk
Summary/Purpose	To amend the membership of the Finance and Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
Annexes	None
Recommendations	(a) That Councillor Joy Aitman replace Councillor Rosa Bolger on the membership of the Finance & Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect for the remainder of the civic year.
Corporate priorities	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Members agreed the membership of the Council's Committees at its Annual Council meeting in May 2021.
- 1.2. Since then, officers have received a request from Councillor Bolger to replace her on the Finance and Management Overview Scrutiny Committee with Councillor Joy Aitman. Councillor Bolger has struggled with the timings of the meetings which clash with school pick up times.
- 1.3. The amendment to the Committee membership was agreed by the Labour Group Leader on in August and Councillor Aitman has been acting as a substitute member at subsequent meetings.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 The Appointment of Committees report agreed in May 2021 explained how the political balance had been calculated and asked Members to agree the following allocation of seats for the Finance and Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

Committee	Seats					(Total)
Fin & Man O & S	14	8	3	2	1	14

This amendment is replacing one Labour Group Councillor with another and does not, therefore, affect the numbers above.

- 2.2 From an organisational perspective, the amendment will ensure that all Members of the Committee receive the appropriate information promptly and will avoid Councillor Aitman being missed off any circulations. If agreed, the website will be updated accordingly.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. This report has no financial implications.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The report takes account of the statutory requirements as contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Committees and Political Groups Regulations 1990.

5. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 5.1. Members could choose not to agree to the amendment, however, this would result in a substitute member needing to be sought for each meeting.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1. None