

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET:

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE
OXFORDSHIRE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE

To appoint a Councillor to serve on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the period until May 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Cabinet appoints a non-executive member of the Council to serve on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the period until May 2018;
- (b) That should the current Standing Deputy be appointed to the position, Cabinet nominates a non-executive member of the Council to be the replacement deputy; and
- (c) That, for the reasons specified in paragraph 3.5 below, and in accordance with the provisions in the Overview and Scrutiny Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution, the decision be implemented immediately.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. At its meeting on 17 May 2017, Cabinet appointed Councillor Mrs J M Doughty to serve on this Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with Councillor Mrs E H N Fenton being designated as the standing deputy.
- 3.2. Mrs Doughty has resigned her membership of the Joint Committee and it is accordingly necessary to make a replacement appointment for the period to the meeting of the Cabinet in May 2018.
- 3.3. It is understood that Councillor T N Owen has put himself forward for the position. However, any other interested member may of course notify their wish to be considered.
- 3.4. Should Mrs Fenton be appointed, it will also be necessary to designate a replacement standing deputy.
- 3.5. The Joint Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday 16 November, i.e. the day after this meeting. It is not possible for Mrs Fenton to attend, because she cannot be a deputy for a position which is vacant. Accordingly, to ensure the possibility of representation at that meeting, the waiving of the call-in provisions has been suggested, and the Chairman of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee has confirmed that he is supportive of that, in the circumstances, and has also commented on the importance of the Council having an appointee in place.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no financial implications.

5. RISKS

Not applicable.

6. REASONS

The appointment of representatives to outside bodies offers the Council the opportunity for involvement in community and other organisations, and in the case of the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee it also presents an opportunity to present and take forward issues of interest and concern to residents of the District.

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Background Papers:

None.