

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Amendment to Overview and Scrutiny Substitute Member Urgent Business Decision

Report of the Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To amend one of the Green party substitute Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee from Councillor Andrew Kay to Councillor Anne Chapman.

This report is public

1. RECOMMENDATION

- (1) **That Councillor Anne Chapman be appointed as a substitute Member of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Andrew Kay with immediate effect for the remainder of the Municipal Year.**

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is appointed on a PR basis.
- 2.2 Rule 3 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Rules provides that each Group may appoint up to a maximum of two named substitutes for each Overview and Scrutiny meeting (excluding Task Groups) for the Municipal Year. Casual substitutions will not be allowed. Rule 5 of the Council Procedure Rules specifically excludes Overview and Scrutiny from the general provision for Groups to make permanent changes to their appointed substitutes by notifying Democratic Services in writing. In the past, when Groups have wished to change their Overview and Scrutiny substitutes during the course of the Municipal Year, such changes have been approved by the Council Business Committee.
- 2.3 Other commitments mean that Green Party Members and substitute Members are unable to be present at the forthcoming meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 9th July 2008. The Group therefore wishes to change one of its appointed substitutes, replacing Councillor Kay with Councillor Chapman.
- 2.4 The urgency for this decision is that the meeting takes place on Wednesday, 9th July 2008, and therefore it is impracticable to defer to the next scheduled meeting of the Council Business Committee on 18th September 2008

3. Options

- 3.1 Option 1 - To approve the nomination of Councillor Anne Chapman as a substitute Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 Option 2 – Not to approve the nomination of Councillor Anne Chapman as a substitute Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

- 4.1 Officers' preferred option is Option 1 above to approve the appointment of Councillor Anne Chapman as a substitute Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee replacing Councillor Andrew Kay with immediate effect. If this nomination is not accepted then the Green Party will not be represented at the upcoming meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 The appointment of Councillor Anne Chapman as a substitute Member of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee will ensure that the Green Party can be represented at the upcoming meeting.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There would be no costs in accepting this nomination to replace the former Green party representative.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposals are in accordance with the Council's constitution.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Whilst the Constitution provides for Overview and Scrutiny substitutes to be appointed by the Groups for the Municipal Year, it has been the practice for changes to be approved by the Council Business Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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