

Cheltenham Borough Council
Council – 16 December 2013
Appointment to Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Accountable member	Cabinet Member Corporate Services, Councillor Jon Walklett
Accountable officer	Chief Executive, Andrew North
Accountable scrutiny committee	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Ward(s) affected	All
Significant Decision	No
Executive summary	<p>At Selection Council on 14 May 2012, Council resolved that all nominations for chairs and vice-chairs of committees should be made at that Council meeting rather than separate meetings of those committees immediately following Council which had been done in previous years.</p> <p>Councillor Duncan Smith was duly elected as chair.</p> <p>Councillor Garnham, as leader of the Conservative group, advised the Chief Executive and other group leaders that Councillor Duncan Smith would be standing down as chair of O&S and Councillor Barbara Driver was the Conservative nomination to replace him. This was confirmed by Councillor Smith at the O&S meeting on 25 November when he indicated that the meeting on 9 January would be his last meeting as chair.</p> <p>Members are reminded of rule 4 Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman in Part 4D of the Council’s constitution where rule 4.2 states that “the chairman shall not be a Member of the Political Group which forms the Cabinet”.</p> <p>As these appointments were made by Council it now falls to Council to appoint the new chair. .</p>
Recommendations	<p>Council is asked to RESOLVE that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Barbara Driver be appointed as Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee following the conclusion of the O&S meeting on 9 January 2014.</p>

Financial implications	<p>No financial implications.</p> <p>Contact officer: Paul Jones, Head of Finance</p> <p>Paul.jones@cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242 775154</p>
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Legal implications	The rules for appointment of committee chairman and vice-chairman are set out in Rule 4 of Part 4D – Overview and Scrutiny rules in the Council's constitution. Contact officer: sara.freckelton@tewkesbury.gov.uk, 01684 272012
HR implications (including learning and organisational development)	There are no HR implications associated with this report. Contact officer: Julie McCarthy , Human Resources Manager West Julie.mccarthy@cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242 26 4355
Key risks	None identified
Corporate and community plan Implications	Strengthening our communities
Environmental and climate change implications	There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.
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Appendices	None
Background information	None