
APPOINTMENTS TO FINANCE & PROCEDURES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2005/06

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement to the appointment of Councillors C I Black and R A Oatham to the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2005/06 Municipal Year.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the appointment to Committees at Annual Council on 17 May, two vacancies remain on the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Liberal Democrat Group has now indicated that, subject to Council approval, it would like Councillors C I Black and R A Oatham to be appointed to these vacancies (Councillor C I Black would vacate the current Liberal Democrat appointment on the Policy & Finance Committee in favour of Councillor Mrs J R Lumley.)

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The pro-rata criteria set out in the Local Government Housing Act 1989 provides that each political group should have the same proportion of seats as it holds on the Council as a whole. At the Annual Meeting, Liberal Democrat Group Members were appointed to twelve of a possible thirteen seats. On this basis, one of the vacancies on the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be available to the Group to bring their appointments up to thirteen.
- 3.2 The pro-rata criteria also provides that the total number of seats each political group has on all ordinary Committees is in proportion to that Group's share of the total Council elected membership, unless the Council agrees that they be constituted in some other manner.
- 3.3 The Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee comprises nine seats. In terms of pro-rata criteria the make-up should be seven Conservative, one Liberal Democrat and one non-group Member. A decision that the Committee comprise two Liberal Democrat appointees would, therefore, need to be made by Full Council as a change to the normal pro-rata criteria.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) To appoint Councillors C I Black and R A Oatham to the two vacancies on the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2005/06 Municipal Year.
- (2) To note the appointment of Cllr Mrs J R Lumley on the Policy and Finance Committee in place of Cllr C I Black (HAMS)

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Background Papers:-

None

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