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These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site (<u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk</u>.)

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
1. Election of Chairman for the 2016/17 Council Year	Councillor Michael Waine was elected as Chairman for the 2016/17 Council Year.	CLO (S. Whitehead/ A. Bartlett/ A. Newman)
2. Election of the Vice-Chairman for the 2016/17 Council Year	Councillor Zoe Patrick was elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2016/17 Council Year.	CLO (S. Whitehead/ A. Bartlett/ A. Newman)
3. Minutes		
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2016 ( <b>CC1</b> ) and to receive information arising from them.	RESOLVED: (by 57 votes to 1) that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 April 2016 were approved and signed subject to the word 'tribe' being changed to 'tribute' in Minute 13/16.	CLO (D. Miller)
4. Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hards, Langridge, Purse and Stratford.	CLO (A. Newman)
5. Declarations of Interest -		
Members are reminded that they must declare their interests orally at the meeting and specify (a) the nature of the interest and (b) which items on the agenda are the relevant items. This applies also to items where members have interests by virtue of their membership of a district council in Oxfordshire.	There were none.	
6. Official Communications	The Chairman reported as follows:	
	<ul> <li>a card would be sent on behalf of Council to Yvonne Staniford and family wishing her a speedy</li> </ul>	HPS (S. Lenihan)

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	<ul> <li>recovery;</li> <li>Council congratulated Oxford United on their recent promotion.</li> </ul>	
7. Petitions and Public Address	Ms Charlie Payne spoke in relation to Agenda Item 11 (Scrutiny Committee – Annual Report).	CLO (D. Miller)
8. Appointments		
To make any changes to the membership of the Cabinet, scrutiny and other committees on the nomination of political groups.	Dealt with at Item 11.	
9. Cabinet Membership and Delegation of Cabinet Functions		
Report by the Leader of the Council ( <b>CC9</b> ) set out in the Schedule of Business.		
Council is RECOMMENDED to note the delegations made by the Leader of the Council with regard to the functions of the Cabinet.	Noted.	Leader of the Council CLO (A. Bartlett)
10. Committees and Review of political Balance		
The Council is required by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 to review the political balance on its committees on an annual basis. The report sets out how the rules operate and seeks approval for adjustments which are necessary to achieve the balance across and within committees to comply with the rules.		
In summary the changes necessary are:		
<ul> <li>(a) to obtain balance across the scrutiny committees, the Green Group has a seat on the Performance &amp; Scrutiny Committee. There are no unfilled seats;</li> </ul>		

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(b) (c)	to obtain balance across the other committees of the Council and overall the Green Group has a seat on either the Remuneration Committee or the Planning & Regulation Committee; Once political balance has been applied there remains one unfilled seat (either on Remuneration or Planning & Regulation Committee) which must be allocated to the independent members of the Council.		
The C (a)	Council is RECOMMENDED: to confirm the political balance on committees shown in Annex 2 to the report;	Agreed as per new circulated Annex 3, set out in the schedule of business, together with the following changes: Employees Joint Consultative	CLO (S. Whitehead/ A. Bartlett/ A. Newman)
(b) to appoint to committees the councillors and co-opted members shown in Annex 3, subject to any changes reported in any amended schedule and at the meeting;	Committee – Councillor John Sanders in place of Councillor John Christie. To appoint Councillor Lynda Atkins on Planning & Regulation Committee. 'Asad' to read 'Azad' throughout the document.		
	crutiny Committees - Annual eport		
activit comm Educa Scruti The r by ea activit	report is structured to reflect the ty of the Council's three scrutiny nittees; Performance Scrutiny, ation Scrutiny and Health Overview & iny and the Cabinet Advisory Groups. report highlights the work carried out ach Committee to scrutinise service ty and performance as well as net decisions taken over the past		
	acil is RECOMMENDED to receive	Agreed by 56 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions.	

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12. Officer Scheme of Delegation		
At its Annual Meeting, Council is required to agree the officer scheme of delegation within the Council's Constitution. The Scheme of Delegation forms Part 7.2 of the Constitution and gives delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service, directors and to other chief officers whose titles and/or areas of responsibility are set out in Part 2, Article 13 of the Constitution. This report highlights some minor amendments to the Scheme of Delegation		
and to Article 13 principally changes taking place since the departure of the Chief Executive last year.		
Council is RECOMMENDED to note the amendments to Article 13 and to Part 7.2 of the Constitution and to approve the Scheme of Officer Delegation (Part 7.2) as amended.	Agreed.	CLO (G. Watson)