

**Wiltshire Council**

**Full Council**

**26 November 2019**

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**Appointment of Committees**

**Purpose**

1. To update the Council on the outcome of the by-elections for: Westbury North (18 July 2019), Ethandune (19 September), and Melksham Without South (24 October).

**Legal Position**

2. Under the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (“the Act”) and subsequent Regulations, (“the Regulations”), the Council must review the representation of the different political groups on committees when requested to do so by a leader of a political group where changes have occurred in the size of political groups.
3. Following the by-elections listed above the strength of political groups on the council remains unchanged.
4. The current strength of political groups is:

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Number of councillors</b>
Conservative	65*
Liberal Democrat	21
Independent	9
Labour	3

*\*Vacancy for Trowbridge Lambrok*

5. The impact of the Trowbridge Lambrok Byelection (28 November 2019) will be considered by Council at its February meeting.

**Matters for Decision**

6. The Council is asked to:
  - a) Note this report and the legal requirements;
  - b) In accordance with paragraph 4.4 of Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibilities for Functions) to ratify appointment of Cllrs Carole King and

Suzanne Wickham to Westbury Area Board, and Cllr Nicholas Holder to Melksham Area Board.

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Background papers: None