

Councillor Janet Carr has taken over the role of chairman from Felix Bloomfield who spent a successful year in office as a civic ambassador for the council and raising more than £7,900 for his chosen charities.

Councillor Carr said: “To be made chairman of South Oxfordshire District J Council is an enormous privilege and a great honour and I look forward to a very busy and rewarding year.”

Janet has had a long connection with the council as she became an officer during reorganisation in 1974/5 in what was then known as The Treasurer’s Department which at that time was based in Wheatley.

During a twenty-year career, amongst many other duties, she studied Rating Law and Valuation at West London and Hammersmith College.

She has been a district councillor for five years, a parish councillor for nine years three of which she served as chairman. Married with three children six grandchildren and two great grandchildren she is also interested in care of the elderly and the needs of young people. She has many other interests and hobbies but intends to devote her year as chairman to fundraising for her chosen charities Emmaus and Helen h and Douglas House and to promote the good charity work of everybody in the district.

Dorothy Brown has moved from the Cabinet to take on the role of vice chairman of the council. Dorothy has been a councillor for 13 years and will be replaced in the Cabinet by Anna Badcock who becomes Cabinet member for Health and Housing Bill Service, Cabinet member for Leisure and Grants, will also take on Community Safety as part of her portfolio.

Councillor Ann Ducker, Leader of the Council, said: “I am delighted to welcome Councillor Badcock to the Cabinet as I am sure that she will be a very good addition.

“Dorothy Brown has been an excellent Cabinet member and has spent almost a decade in the role and she will be an equally good vice-chairman.

“I would also like to praise Felix Bloomfield for the excellent work he has done for South Oxfordshire and his charities over the last twelve months. I am certain that Janet Carr will continue where he has left off and ensure that our district continues to be held in high regard.”