

INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVES: AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks authorisation from the Council to extend the term of office of the current Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit Committee until 31st October 2017.

The term of office for the current Chair of the Committee is due to expire on 31st March 2016 and for the Vice Chair on 30th April 2016.

The recommendation is to extend the term of office for both appointments until 31st October 2017 and In doing so it will provide continuity in fulfilling the remit of the Audit Committee for the remaining period of this Council until the Scottish Local Government Elections on 4th May 2017.

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Council agree to extend the terms of office of the current Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit Committee to 31st October 2017.

4. DETAIL

4.1 Martin Caldwell was appointed to the role of Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee following agreement of the Council in August 2010 and was then appointed to the role of Chair by the Appointments Panel, through delegated powers of the Council, in February 2013. His term office was renewed by Council on 20th March 2014 and is due to expire on 31 March 2016.

4.2 Sheila Hill was appointed to the role of Vice Chair by the Appointments Panel, through delegated powers of the Council, in February 2013. Her term of office is due to expire on 30 April 2016.

4.3 In agreeing to the extension to both appointments the Council would not only retain the valuable knowledge and experience of their non-councillor members, but would also provide for some stability within the Committee until the establishment of a new council in May 2017.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 In agreeing to extend the term of office it would guarantee continuity in membership of the committee.

6. IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy - | The current constitution stipulates that the 2 non councillor members should be chair and vice-chair of the Audit Committee |
| 6.2 | Financial – | None |
| 6.3 | Legal - | None |
| 6.4 | Human Resources - | An extended term of office would allow guaranteed continuity in membership/experience |
| 6.5 | Equalities - | None |
| 6.6 | Customer Services - | None |

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