
Appointment of Audit and Scrutiny Committee Chairperson

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update in respect of the appointment of an independent Chair of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 Further to the Council decision (May 2017) to agree that the functions of the existing Audit and Performance, Review and Scrutiny committees be combined in an Audit and Scrutiny Committee, the independent chair of the former Audit Committee, Martin Caldwell, was invited to chair the new Committee for his remaining term of office.
- 1.3 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 Chair by the Appointments Panel, through delegated powers of the Council, in February 2013. His current term office is due to expire on 30 October 2017.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the Council extend the appointment of Martin Caldwell until the 30 June 2022 covering the period of this council. Mr Caldwell has confirmed he would accept the Council's invitation to chair the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and looks forward to contributing and supporting the independent assurance and scrutiny arrangements of the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the council:
- a) Agree to extend the appointment of Martin Caldwell until the 30 June 2022 covering the period of this council to chair the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council at its May 2017 meeting agreed that the functions of the former Audit Committee and Performance, Review and Scrutiny committee be combined in an Audit and Scrutiny Committee and that the independent chair of the former Audit Committee, Martin Caldwell, was to be invited to chair the new Committee for his remaining term of office.
- 3.2 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 Chair by the Appointments Panel, through delegated powers of the Council, in

February 2013. His term office is due to expire on 30 October 2017.

- 3.3 In order to secure continuity of chairmanship it is proposed that the current term of office be extended until 30 June 2022 covering the term of this council.
- 3.4 Mr Caldwell has confirmed he would accept the Council's invitation to chair the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and looks forward to contributing and supporting the independent assurance and scrutiny arrangements of the Council. In agreeing to this the Council has retained the valuable knowledge and experience of a non-councillor member.
- 3.5 There is no remuneration for this appointment beyond the reimbursement of expenses.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 It is recommended that the extension to the appointment of Martin Caldwell to chair the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for the remaining term of this council which will guarantee continuity in chairmanship of the committee.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – None directly but the appointment of an independent chair is recognised as good practice and promotes openness and transparency.
- 5.2 Financial – There is no remuneration package associated with this appointment, with the exception of reasonable travelling and subsistence expenses.
- 5.3 Personnel – None
- 5.4 Equal Opportunities – None
- 5.5 Legal – None.
- 5.6 Risk – None.
- 5.7 Customer Service – None.

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