

County Council

24 February 2016



Co-opted Members to the Audit Committee

Report of Corporate Management Team Don McLure, Corporate Director Resources

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To seek Council approval on the appointment of two new co-opted Members to the Audit Committee.

Background

- 2 On 10 December 2007 the Audit Committee agreed to appoint two co-opted non-voting members to the Audit Committee for a three year fixed contract. The co-options accorded with CIPFA's "Audit Committees: practical guidance for local authorities".
- 3 Following an advert in the press inviting applications, prospective candidates were interviewed, and two co-opted Members were appointed.
- 4 Their appointments were due to expire on 28 February 2011, however Council agreed extensions to their contracts until 30 April 2016. It is on this basis that we are now seeking to appoint two new co-opted members to the Committee.
- 5 It is suggested that advertisements be made in the local press and on the council's website to seek candidates to fill the two positions, and for the appointments to be made by the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee, and for any vacancies that arise within their three year term of office that appointments be made through this same procedure.

Recommendation

- 6 (i) That the Council agree to the appointment of two new non-voting co-opted members to the Audit Committee for a three year period from 1 May 2016.
- (ii) That the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee be given authority to:-

- make appointments of the two non-voting co-opted members;
- make arrangements to fill any vacancies that arise within their three year term of office should either, or both the newly appointed co-opted members resign.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance- Travelling and subsistence costs of the successful applicants in attending meetings/ training events of the Audit Committee will be paid. Advertising and printing costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Staffing- None specific in this report

Risk- None specific in this report

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty-

A recruitment process would be carried out in accordance with the Council's recruitment procedure.

Accommodation- None specific in this report

Crime and Disorder- None specific in this report

Human Rights- None specific in this report

Consultation- None specific in this report

Procurement- None specific in this report

Disability Issues- A recruitment process would be carried out in accordance with the Council's recruitment procedure.

Legal Implications- None specific in this report