

Audit Committee

28 September 2018

Co-opted Members to the Audit Committee



Report of John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To seek the views of members on the appointment of co-opted Members to the Audit Committee and make recommendations to Council.

Background

- 2 In accordance with the authority granted by full council on 24 February 2016 two new co-opted members to the Audit Committee were appointed for a three year term ending on 30 April 2019. During this period one of the co-opted members resigned and following a recruitment exercise a new co-opted member was appointed for the remainder of the term. Mr I Rudd's appointment commenced in May 2018.
- 3 The appointments therefore of both Mr C Robinson, and Mr I Rudd are due to expire on 30 April 2019.
- 4 The views of the Committee are sought on whether to recommend that Council extend further their fixed term contracts, and if so for how long, or whether to place an advert in the local press and seek applications. There is nothing in the Council's guidance to indicate that existing members could not be re-appointed, in fact the previous two co-opted members served for 9 years.
- 5 If the Committee was minded to seek new applications it is suggested that a process be recommended to Council whereby an advert be made in the local press and on the councils website to seek candidates to fill the two positions, and for the appointments to be made by the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee. For any vacancies arising within the term of office that appointments be made through the same procedure.
- 6 Whether the Committee recommend to re-appoint the existing two co-opted members or undertake new appointments, it is suggested that the members be appointed for a four year term expiring on 30 April

2023. This would refresh the co-opted members' mid-term of the four year term of office of the elected members, and therefore provide continuity on the Committee.

Recommendation

- 7 That the Committee request that Council either:-
- (a) Extend the appointment of the current co-opted members until a fixed date, with a suggestion that this be until 30 April 2023.
 - (b) Agree to make new appointments in accordance with the process as set out in paragraph 5, and determine their length of office with a suggestion that this be until 30 April 2023.

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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, plus advertising and printing costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Staffing-

None

Risk-

None

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty-

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

Accommodation-

None

Crime and disorder-

None

Human rights-

None

Consultation-

None

Procurement-

None

Disability Issues-

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

Legal Implications-

None