

AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

27 APRIL 2022

APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING INDEPENDENT MEMBER ON AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider the appointment of Clive Richardson as a non-voting Independent member of the Audit & Accounts Committee.

2.0 Background Information

Approval of Independent Member

2.1 The Audit & Accounts Committee recommended to Full Council on 3 February 2021 that an Independent member be co-opted onto the Committee on a non-voting basis. This decision was approved by Council on 9 March 2021.

2.2 An Independent Member was sought and appointed by Council on 13 July 2021, for which the person attended the Audit and Accounts Committee meeting on the 28 July 2021 but unfortunately due to receiving a promotion in their main occupation, the Independent Member tendered their resignation prior to the September meeting.

2.3 Since that point, a recruitment exercise was undertaken for which no applications were received.

2.4 Existing Audit and Accounts Committee members reached out to their wider community, for which one individual took an interest in the role.

2.5 A panel consisting of the Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee together with Councillor Donna Cumberlidge and the Business Manager – Financial Services met with the individual on 25 February 2022 in order to assess their suitability for the role.

2.6 It was unanimously felt that the individual would assist and support the Committee in their capacity as Independent Member due to their previous role of Headteacher at a local school. This would provide invaluable experience that the Committee could draw on.

2.7 It is therefore proposed that the candidate, Clive Richardson is appointed as the non-voting Independent member of the Audit & Accounts Committee. This position will be reviewed annually to ensure that both parties are content to continue the arrangements.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) The Committee recommend to full Council the appointment of Clive Richardson to the position of non-voting Independent member on the Audit & Accounts Committee be approved.**

Background Papers

Nil

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