

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING - 17 MAY 2022

APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING INDEPENDENT MEMBER ON THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of Clive Richardson as a non-voting Independent member of the new Audit & Governance 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 their 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/ The Independent Member attended the Audit & Accounts Committee meeting on the 28 July 2021, but unfortunately due to receiving a promotion in their main occupation, tendered their resignation prior to the September 2021 meeting.
- 2.3 Since that point, a recruitment exercise was undertaken for which no applications were received.
- 2.4 Existing Members of the Audit & Accounts Committee reached out to their wider community, from which one individual took an interest in the role.
- 2.5 A panel consisting of the Chair of the Audit & 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 Head teacher at a local school. It was considered that this would provide invaluable experience that the Committee could draw on.
- 2.7 The Audit & Accounts Committee considered this appointment at its meeting on 27 April 2022, and unanimously agreed to recommend to Full Council the appointment of Mr Clive Richardson.
- 2.8 It is therefore proposed that Clive Richardson be appointed as the non-voting Independent member of the Audit & Governance Committee. This position will be reviewed annually to ensure that both parties are content to continue with the arrangements.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the appointment of Clive Richardson to the position of non-voting Independent member on the Audit & Governance Committee be approved.

Background Papers

Nil.

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