

REPORT OF The Head of Paid Service

To: Full Council

Subject: Appointment of a Non-Elected Representative and Independent Persons

Date: 06 August 2018

Reference:

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To approve the appointment of a Non-Elected Representative to Audit and Governance Committee and two Independent Persons to work with the Monitoring Officer and Standards Committee

1. INTRODUCTION

It is the responsibility of Full Council to appoint Non-Elected Representatives to the Council's Committees and Independent Persons under the Localism Act 2011 to work with the Monitoring Officer and the Council's Standards Committee.

2. REPORT

We currently have one vacancy on the Audit and Governance Committee and two vacancies for Independent Persons.

The vacancy on Audit and Governance Committee was advertised and there was one applicant. The interview with the candidate took place on 26 June 2018, which was conducted by a panel comprising Councillors Hackett and Whittaker with Jenny Wallace.

The panel concluded that the candidate interviewed demonstrated the necessary skills, experience, enthusiasm and commitment required to fulfil the role.

The Panel therefore recommend to Full Council that:

Mr Roger Levick be appointed as Non-elected Representatives to Audit and Governance Committee for a period of four years.

Under the Localism Act 2011 the Council is obliged to appoint at least one statutory Independent Person to work with the Monitoring Officer, Members, and the Standards Committee. Appointments to this role are made by full Council, typically for a period of 4 years. While the Council is only obliged to appoint one Independent Person, it is considered prudent to have two Independent Persons. This is so that any conflicts of interest can more easily be overcome, and also so there is always an additional Independent Person available for the subject member of a complaint to consult.

There are currently two vacancies for Independent Person, one of which was offered to Mr Martin Rawle following a successful recruitment exercise. An interview for the other more recent vacancy will be undertaken on Tuesday 31 July, and if successful, the name of the candidate will be confirmed at this meeting of full Council for appointment.



3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

Full Council must approve all non-elected appointments and the appointment of Independent Persons.

Financial Implications

None

Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

n/a

Equality/Diversity

n/a

Risk Management

n/a

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

This complies with the Council's Constitution.

Ward Member and Lead Member Views

N/a

4. CONCLUSIONS

That Mr Roger Levick be appointed as Non-elected Representatives to serve on the Audit and Governance Committee.

That Mr Martin Rawle and one further applicant (subject to interview) be appointed to the role of Independent Person for a term of 4 years, pursuant to section 28 of the Localism Act 2011;

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Full Council appoint:

- a) Mr Roger Levick as a Non-elected Representative to Audit and Governance Committee for a period of four years.
- b) Mr Martin Rawle to the role of Independent Person for a term of 4 years, pursuant to section 28 of the Localism Act 2011;
- c) The further successful applicant (subject to interview) to the role of Independent Person for a term of 4 years, pursuant to section 28 of the Localism Act 2011;

