

Audit and Governance Committee

25 September 2023

Appointment of Co-opted Committee Members

For Decision

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Brief Summary: Full Council on 11 May 2023 supported the Audit and Governance Committee's proposal that the Committee's constitution is changed to incorporate two co-opted members, as per CIPFA good practice.

Following a recruitment campaign, an interview panel made up of three members of the Committee (Cllr Biggs, Cllr Cocking and Cllr Batstone) have offered co-opted member positions to the following, pending ratification by Full Council on 12 October 2023:

Simon Roach - A founder and Director of a small consultancy company, and formerly Senior Vice President of a multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology company.

Roger Ong - Credit Manager for a UK Ethical Bank supporting Charities and Social Enterprises, and formerly interim finance director for a number of companies.

Recommendation: To recommend that Full Council endorses adopting Mr Roach and Mr Ong as co-opted members on the Audit and Governance Committee.

Reason for Recommendation: To ensure that the Committee has the appropriate level of technical expertise to perform its role as set out in its terms of reference.

1. **Financial Implications**

The allowance payable to the co-opted member for the Audit and Governance Committee has been subject to review and assessment by the Independent Remuneration Panel who determined that an allowance of £2,000 per co-opted member per annum (£4,000 in total per annum) was appropriate, and this was endorsed by Full Council on 11 May 2023.

2. **Environmental Implications**

None

3. **Well-being and Health Implications**

None

4. **Other Implications**

None

5. **Risk Assessment**

5.1 **HAVING CONSIDERED:** the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

6. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

No issues identified

7. **Appendices**

None

8. **Background Papers**

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