


Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

8 November 2018

Subject:	Appointment of Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
Director:	Executive Director – Resources – Darren Carter
Contribution towards Vision 2030:	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:

1. Note the appointment of Heikki Doyle to the position of Independent Member for the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee for a four year period ending 15 October 2022.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 For the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to note the appointment of an additional independent member to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee contributes to the achievement of Sandwell's vision by examining and reporting on the state of the council's governance, risk management and internal control environment.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 At the Council meeting on 4 April 2017, as part of the 2017/18 Governance (Committee and Scrutiny Board Structure) review, it was agreed to appoint a further Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.
- 3.2 Interviews took place on 9 July 2018. The interview panel consisted of:
- Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
 - Director – Monitoring Officer
 - Head of Audit
- 3.3 Two suitable candidates were identified. One candidate was appointed and this was approved by Council at its meeting on 17 July 2018.
- 3.4 At its meeting on 16 October 2018 Council gave approval to increase the membership of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to include one additional Independent Member (three Independent Members in total). Approval was also given to the appointment of Heikki Doyle for the four year period ending 15 October 2022.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The report does not require a decision and therefore, no position analysis is necessary.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 The process to appoint an independent member on to the Audit and Risk Committee has been reported to the respective Directors.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 The report does not require a decision and therefore, alternative options do not need to be considered.

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial and resource implications arising from this report.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee operates to an approved terms of reference, based upon a model from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 It was not necessary to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 It was not necessary to undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment.

11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- 11.1 There are no direct crime and disorder and risk implications arising from this report.

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

- 12.1 There are no direct sustainability issues arising from this report.

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

- 13.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications from this report.

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

- 14.1 There is no direct impact on any council managed property or land from this report.

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The purpose of the report is for the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to note the appointment of two independent members to the committee. As such, no decision is required.

Darren Carter
Executive Director – Resources