

Meeting date: Tuesday 8 February 2022

Report to: Full Council



Subject/report title: Appointment of Independent Member of Audit Committee

Report from: Chief Executive

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Public/private report: Public

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To invite Council to approve the appointment of Mr Michael Burnett as an independent Member of the Audit Committee.

2. Decision(s) recommended

2.1 That Council approve the appointment of Mr Michael Burnett as an Independent Member of the Audit Committee for a four year term of office.

3. Matters for Consideration

3.1 The membership of the Audit Committee is currently comprised of three members of the Council and three independent co-opted members.

3.2 It was reported to Council in December 2021 that the terms of office of two of the independent members had ended in November 2021. Council agreed to re-appoint Mr Tony Beirne and one vacancy remained unfilled. Since then a panel comprised of Cllr K Allsopp, Cllr M McLoughlin, the Head of Internal Audit Services and the Head of Corporate Finance, have interviewed a candidate on 25th January 2022.

3.3 The interview Panel has recommended that that Mr Michael Burnett be appointed as an independent member of the Audit Committee for a four year term of office.

3.4 The appointment of independent members must be approved by a majority of Members of the Council.

4. What options have been considered and what is the evidence telling us about them?

4.1 None

5. Reasons for recommending preferred option

5.1 To comply with Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee which require the appointment of Independent Members on the Committee.

5.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

5.2.1 None

5.3 Financial implications:

5.3.1 None

5.4 Legal implications:

5.4.1 NA

5.5 Risk implications:

5.5.1 None

5.6 Equality implications:

None

6. List of appendices referred to

6.1 None

7. Background papers used to compile this report

7.1 None

8. List of other relevant documents

8.1 None