

Appointment of a Committee Chair

24 July 2024

Report of the Senior Manager, Democratic Support and Elections

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appoint a Chair for the Audit Committee for the period from 1 August 2024 to 30 November 2024.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That Council appoints a Chair for the Audit Committee.

1.0 Background

1.1 Full Council is required to appoint the Chairs of Committees at its annual meeting. At that meeting in May 2024, Councillor Paul Stubbins was appointed Chair of the Audit Committee.

1.2 Elsewhere on the agenda, Members will see that the Leader has appointed Councillor Stubbins to Cabinet for a period of four months from 1 August 2024 to 30 November 2024, in place of Councillor Dowding.

2.0 Proposal

2.1 The Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee do not permit a Cabinet Member to Chair, stating: *The Chair and Vice Chair must not be a member of the Cabinet or an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.*

2.2 Councillor Stubbins has stood down as the Chair of the Audit Committee in line with Constitutional requirements. With the Chair now vacant, Council is asked to appoint a Chair of the Audit Committee.

2.3 Current membership of the Committee who are eligible for nomination for Chair are: Councillors Colbridge, Hartley, Knight, Metcalfe-Riener and Whitaker.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 Council is asked to appoint to the Chair of Audit Committee.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)	
None directly arising from this report.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
None directly arising from this report.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
None identified. This will not affect the amount of special responsibility allowance paid overall.	
OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
Human Resources, Information Services, Property and Open Spaces: None	
SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments.	
MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS	
The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments.	
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