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Report Number **A/19/20**

To: Council
Date: 18 December 2019
Status: Non – executive decision
Responsible Officer: Tim Madden Corporate Director for Customer, Support, and Specialist Services

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This report sets out the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee that an independent member be appointed to that committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note report A/19/20.
2. To appoint an independent member to the Audit and Governance Committee

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 4 December 2019 the Audit and Governance Committee considered report AuG/19/14 attached at appendix 1.
- 1.2 As will be seen the report set out CIPFA's Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police 2018.
- 1.3 The Committee were specifically requested to consider whether to recommend the appointment of an independent member to the committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Committee did decide to recommend to Council that an independent member be appointed to the Committee. The part of the guidance setting out the advantages and pitfalls of having an independent member is reproduced in paragraph 4.3 of report AuG/19/14
- 2.2 Council is therefore asked to consider the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 3.1 There no significant of risk management issues to consider as part of this report other than those identified in report AuG/19/14.

4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

4.1 Legal Officer's Comments (AK)

These are set out in report AuG/19/14

4.2 Finance Officer's Comments (TM)

These are set out in report AuG/19/14

4.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications (TM)

There are no implications arising out of this report.

5. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1: report AuG/19/14 – Audit and Governance Committee – 4 December 2019