

COUNCIL - MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2024

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Part A

APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT PERSON-AUDIT COMMITTEE

Purpose of Report

To enable the Council to make an appointment of a co-opted Independent member of the Audit Committee.

Recommendations

That Lynne Alderson be appointed as a non-voting co-opted Independent Member of the Audit Committee until 21 April 2028 or until she ceases to be a co-opted Independent member, whichever is the sooner.

Reasons

To appoint a second co-opted Independent member to the Council's audit committee.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Best practice advice from CIPFA recommends that each local authority audit committee should include at least two co-opted independent members to provide appropriate technical expertise. The Audit Committee currently only includes one independent co-opted member, and therefore recruitment of a second is required to ensure compliance with with best practice.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

It is recommended that the appointment be confirmed with immediate effect, for a period of four years.

Report Implications

Financial Implications

There is no allowance payable to this position but the postholder can claim expenses for travel. The cost will be met from the existing members' allowances budget.

Risk Management

None identified.

Equality and Diversity

None identified.

Climate Change and Carbon Impact

None identified.

Crime and Disorder

None identified.

Wards Affected

All.

Publicity Arrangements

Not applicable.

Consultations

Not applicable.

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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| Efficient and Effective Council | Yes |
| Environment and Climate Change | No |
| Homes and Communities | No |
| Economy and Growth | No |

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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Part B

Process for Making Recommendation for Appointment

An advert was published for the newly created position which was advertised via the Councils website, email newsletters and via social media including LinkedIn and Twitter/X. The advert included a description of the role and the requirements of any applicants. Following advert, applications were shortlisted and in person interviews took place. The interview panel comprised Jane Nellist, Independent Chair of the Audit Committee, Councillor Lennie, member of the Audit Committee, Councillor Ashcroft, Cabinet Lead Member for Finance, Customer & Support Services, Revenues and Benefits and Nicola Ford, Head of Legal & Electoral Services. The panel concluded that Lynne Alderson should be recommended for appointment as independent co-opted member of the Audit Committee.

Information about the Co-opted Independent Member Recommended for Appointment

Lynne Alderson is recommended for appointment as independent co-opted member of the audit committee.

Lynne Alderson is currently employed by the University of Northampton as their Head of IT Customer Service and Support. This role involves auditing of IT activities as well as management of risk. Lynne Alderson works as part of the professional services audit group for this role, reviewing all areas of audit and risk requirement for the university. Lynne Alderson possesses various professional qualifications including an HND in Computing, the Prince2 practitioner certification, ITIL Foundation examination and Executive Master's in Business Administration. Lynne has a comprehensive understanding of business management principles and practices. Lynne Alderson has previously been a member of two Audit Committees, one for a secondary school and the other for Loughborough College. Lynne Alderson is an experienced project manager and budget holder, and regularly prepares management accounts and reporting for the budget. Lynne Alderson is a resident of Charnwood.