



COUNCIL

Monday, 6 December, 2021

REPORT TITLE:	APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks approval of a recommendation which Audit and Risk Management Committee will consider at its meeting on 30 November, 2021 to appoint independent members to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

The associated report of the Chief Internal Auditor is attached as an appendix to this report and the minute will be circulated in a supplement to the Council Summons.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is (subject to Audit and Risk Management Committee agreeing the recommendation) requested to:

Appoint Joanne Byrne and Peter McAlister as independent Members to the Audit and Risk Management Committee in an advisory and consultative non-voting role.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To ensure that the Audit and Risk Management Committee is compliant with current best professional practice as detailed in the CIPFA Audit Committees, Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police 2018 and supports the outcomes of the Redmond Independent Review into the Oversight of Local Audit and the Transparency of Local Authority Financial Reporting.
- 1.2 To ensure that the Audit and Risk Management Committee is operating in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Other options are to be considered by the Committee and are included in the Chief Internal Auditor's report.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Background information is set out within the appended report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Independent Member roles are non-paid positions within the Council although each Member is entitled to receive a remuneration of thirty pounds per meeting to cover expenses.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Legal implications are set out in the report and the Council's Constitution requires that Council makes appointments to its Committees.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 The relevant risks are covered in the Chief Internal Auditor's report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Engagement and consultation are covered in the Chief Internal Auditor's report.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Equality implications are covered in the Chief Internal Auditor's report.

10. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 These are covered in the Chief Internal Auditor's report.

11. COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 These are covered in the Chief Internal Auditor's report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Full report

Appendix 2 – Minute of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (to follow)

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The CIPFA Audit Committees, Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police
ARMC Terms of Reference

Redmond Independent Review into the Oversight of Local Audit and the
Transparency of Local Authority Financial Reporting

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Audit and Risk Management Committee	30 November 2021