ITEM 11

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 26 July 2023

Minute Extract

22/23 Appointment of Independent Persons to the Audit and Governance Committee

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Democracy which sought the agreement of the Committee to ask Council to approve the appointment of four independent members to the Audit and Governance Committee for a four-year term.

It was noted that the four proposed Co-opted members would together bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Audit and Governance Committee. The skills set of the four proposed Co-opted members complemented each other and covered the important areas of risk management, internal and external audit, governance, financial management and reporting. It was reported that the Chair and Vice-chair of the Audit and Governance Committee had been consulted on these appointments and had agreed with the proposal to increase the number of Co-opted members from two to four.

A member of the Committee asked whether the appointments could be staggered, with two Co-opted members appointed for 2-year terms and the other two Co-opted members appointed for four-year terms. The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to stagger these appointments.

Resolved:

- 1. to request that Full Council approve the appointments of Philip Sunderland, Paul Stone, David Webster and Anthony Doleman as Coopted members to the Audit and Governance Committee.
- 2. Subject to Council approval, to request that the Head of Democracy, the Director of Finance and the Head of Internal Audit select two candidates to be appointed for two-year terms, expiring on 20 May 2025 and two candidates to be appointed for four-year terms, expiring on 18 May 2027.