

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 17 January 2024

Report Title

Recommendation from Audit Committee – Appointment of an Independent Member of the Audit Committee

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

On 19 July 2023, Council resolved to amend the Audit Committee Terms of Reference to include provision for a second independent member. Prior to this, the Committee was comprised of five Councillors and one independent person.

Following the amendment to the Terms of Reference, a recruitment exercise had been undertaken. This report is submitted for Council to appoint Alison Hutchinson until January 2028 (4 year term).

The current independent member, John Barber has resigned from his position with effect from 4th January 2024. During the recruitment exercise a second candidate was also considered to be suitable for the role. This report recommends that Michael Olugbenga-Babalola is appointed to the role.

Recommendations

1. That Council appoint Alison Hutchinson as an Independent Member of the Audit Committee until January 2028 (4 year term).
2. That Council appoint Michael Olugbenga-Babalola as an Independent Member of the Audit Committee until January 2028 (4 year term).

List of Appendices Included

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Background Papers

[Report - Annual Review and Adoption of the Consultation - Council - 19 July 2023](#)
[Audit Committee Terms of Reference](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

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Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No