

**Meeting:** Full Council

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**THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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**1 PURPOSE**

To appoint an independent member to a vacancy on the Audit Committee

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Mr Brian Mitchell be appointed an independent Member of the Audit Committee

**3 BACKGROUND**

There is a vacancy for an independent member on the Audit Committee.

**4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS**

The officers recommend that the Council should appoint Mr Mitchell who submitted an application for the vacancy after it was advertised in a local newspaper. Mr Mitchell has substantial expertise of audit matters and accounting controls and officers feel he will be able to contribute to the role of the Audit Committee. He met with the Chair of the Committee and officers who considered he would be well suited for the position.

It would be inappropriate to include Mr Mitchell's biographical and personal details in this Part I report, but once appointed, Mr Mitchell will be bound by the same Code of Conduct and required to complete the same list of interests as all other Members. The register of these interests is open for public inspection.

**5.1 Financial Implications**

Any costs will be met from within the overall budget for Members' allowances and expenses.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

**APPENDICES**

None