

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	20 September 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The Council will be asked to consider the appointment of a Vice Chairman for the Appeals Committee, in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Local Government Act 1972 and following a recruitment process, to consider the recommendation of the Recruitment Panel (chaired by Councillor Galley) for the appointment for an independent member of the Audit Committee.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To agree to the appointment of Councillor Vikki Singleton as the Vice Chairmen of the Appeals Committee.
- 2.2 To agree that Yvonne Russell be appointed as the independent co-opted member of the Audit Committee.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To fill the vacancies which have been created.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The appointment of Council committees will help the Council achieve all its priorities.

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The Council, at its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2017, agreed the appointment of its committees and associated Chairmen and Vice Chairmen. Due to a change of

Cabinet Member Assistants in July 2017, the need arose to appoint a new Vice Chairman of the Appeals Committee, but the Council can only make this appointment. Councillor Vikki Singleton is the nominated person for this role.

- 5.2 It was agreed at the meeting of Council on 28 June 2017, that a recruitment process be commenced for the newly created position of independent co-opted member of the Audit Committee. An interview panel consisting of the Chairman of the Audit Committee (also Chairman of the Panel), an Executive member (Cllr Taylor), the Chief Internal Auditor and the Monitoring Officer was established.
- 5.3 Interviews took place on Thursday 7 September and Yvonne Russell, a qualified accountant, who has worked in the audit, assurance and risk sectors for most of her career, is the recommended candidate of the Panel.

List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 There are no Legal considerations.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

- 7.1 There are no Human Resources considerations.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

- 8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 Financial considerations:

- 9.1 The allowances for the two positions are already in the current revenue budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

- 11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None other than those named in the report.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.