

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: To the Chair and Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting: 19 June 2019

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

## REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

### APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2019/20

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek nominations from the Committee for four members to sit on the Combined Authority's Audit and Governance Committee 2019/20. This Committee, requires the appointment of two Labour Councillors, one Liberal Democrat Councillor and one Conservative Councillor and to appoint the substitute member's on the same basis.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints:
- (a) Four Members comprising of two Labour Councillors, one Liberal Democrat Councillor and One Conservative Councillor to sit on the Audit and Governance Committee 2019/20; and
  - (b) Four substitute Members comprising of two Labour Councillors, one Liberal Democrat Councillor and One Conservative Councillor to act as substitutes on the Audit and Governance Committee 2019/20.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

##### **Membership of the Audit and Governance Committee**

- 3.1 The Audit and Governance Committee is composed of 7 Members as follows:
- 6 elected Councillors which are drawn from both the Combined Authority and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
  - 1 Independent Member.

- 3.2 The Combined Authority at its annual meeting agreed the allocation of seats to its various Committees. Of the six seats allocated to Members for the Audit and Governance Committee, two are allocated to Members of the Combined Authority. These appointments have been confirmed as Councillors David Baines and Pat Hackett (substituted by Councillors Graham Morgan and Rob Polhill should that prove necessary). The remaining four seats are allocated to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Likewise any substitutes are similarly drawn from Overview and Scrutiny members. In order to ensure political balance across the City Region there are two seats allocated for Labour Party members and one each for the Liberal Democrat and Conservative Party members.
- 3.3 An Independent Person, Mr Martin McDonagh has already been appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee in 2018 for a period of up to two years.

#### **Terms of Reference for the Audit and Governance Committee**

- 3.4 The Combined Authority also agreed to a number of amendments to the Audit and Governance Committee at its Annual Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. See attached at Appendix One.

### **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Financial**

There are no financial issues arising from this report.

#### **4.2 Human Resources**

There are no human resource issues arising from this report.

#### **4.3 Physical Assets**

There are no physical asset issues arising as a consequence of this report.

#### **4.4 Information Technology**

There are no Information Technology issues arising from this report.

### **5. RISKS AND MITIGATION**

- 5.1 There is a risk that should the appointments to the Audit and Governance Committee 2019/20 not be made this would be detrimental to the principle of good governance for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

### **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no direct equality and diversity implications as a result of this report.

## **7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

7.1 There are no direct communication issues arising from this report.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 It is anticipated that the proposed appointments will support the operation of the Audit and Governance Committee 2019/20. Once Members have been appointed arrangements will be made for appropriate training, if required.

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Appendices:

Appendix One

Background Documents:

None