

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 15 January 2020

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

APPOINTMENT TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2019/20

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek a nomination from the Committee for one Labour Councillor to be nominated to the Audit and Governance Committee for 2019/20.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints one Labour Councillor to the Audit and Governance Committee for 2019/20.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Notification has been received from Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, that Councillor Paula Murphy has resigned from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. As Councillor Murphy was one of the Labour Councillors to represent the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Audit and Governance Committee, a new Labour Councillor nomination is required.
- 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. 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.

3.4 The membership of the Audit and Governance Committee is set out below:-

	Members	Substitute Members
Combined Authority	Councillor D Baines (Labour) Councillor P Hackett (Labour)	Councillor G Morgan (Labour) Cllr I Maher (Labour)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor E Finneran (Chair) (Labour) Vacancy (Labour) Councillor Dr John Pugh (Liberal Democrat) Councillor Sir Ron Watson CBE (Conservative)	Councillor S Marshall (Labour) Councillor L Whitley (Labour) Councillor C Cashman (Liberal Democrat) Councillor H Cameron (Conservative)
Independent Person	Mr Martin McDonagh	Not applicable

Terms of Reference for the Audit and Governance Committee

3.5 The Combined Authority also agreed to a number of amendments to the Audit and Governance Committee at its Annual Meeting on 24th 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 appointment 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. Upon appointment to the Committee, arrangements will be made for appropriate training, if required.

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Appendices:

Appendix One

Background Documents:

None