

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 22 July 2020

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2020/21

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 2020/21. This Committee, requires the appointment of two Labour Councillors, one Liberal Democrat Councillor and one Conservative Councillor and to appoint substitute members 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 2020/21; 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 2020/21.

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 Ian Maher and Graham Morgan 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 was appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee in 2018.

Terms of Reference for the Audit and Governance Committee

- 3.4 The Terms of Reference for the Audit and Governance Committee are attached at Appendix One for information.

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. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Audit and Governance Committee is a key component in the Combined Authority's Corporate Governance arrangements. The Committee membership has to be constituted in accordance with the governance arrangements set out in the LCR Combined Authority Constitution and any other appropriate legislation. This is to ensure that the Audit and Governance Committee can effectively carry out its purpose and functions as set out in its Terms of Reference detailed in Appendix One to the report.

6. RISKS AND MITIGATION

- 6.1 There is a risk that should the appointments to the Audit and Governance Committee 2020/21 not be made this would be detrimental to the principle of good governance for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

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

8. PRIVACY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no specific privacy implications associated with is report.

9. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

- 9.1 There are no direct communication issues arising from this report.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 It is anticipated that the proposed appointments will support the operation of the Audit and Governance Committee 2020/21. Once Members have been appointed arrangements will be made for appropriate training, if required.

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Appendices:

Appendix One

Background Documents:

None