

COUNCIL – 24TH APRIL 2017

Report of the Chief Executive

Part A

ITEM 6.4 APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT CHAIR FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the appointment of a new Independent Chair for the Audit Committee in accordance with the recommendation of a selection panel of Councillors.

Recommendation

That Mr Bev Angell be appointed as the Independent Chair of the Audit Committee for the four civic years 2017/18 to 2020/21, unless terminated earlier by the Council.

Reason

To confirm an appointment to the position of Independent Chair of the Audit Committee.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

At its meeting on 2nd March 2009, Council decided that the Audit Committee should have an Independent Chair (ie a person who is not an elected Councillor). The term of office of the Current Chair, Mr Paul Blakemore, finishes at the end of the 2016/17 civic year.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The decision will be implemented with effect from the beginning of the 2017/18 civic year.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

A special responsibility allowance for the position of the Independent Chair is included within the Scheme of Members' Allowances (£3,408 per annum for 2016/17).

Risk Management

No specific risks have been identified in relation to this decision.

Background Papers: None

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Part B

Background

1. Following the issue of a press release publicising the vacancy for the position of Independent Chair of the Audit Committee which will exist once the term of office of the current Chair expires, a selection panel consisting of Councillor Barkley, Councillor Christine Harris and Councillor Smith met on 2nd March 2017 to interview four applicants who had submitted expressions of interest.
2. The recommendation of the selection panel is that Mr Bev Angell should be appointed to the position.
3. A brief biography of Mr Angell follows:

Mr Angell is a retired local government accountant, who spent thirty-two years working for Nottingham City Council in a variety of financial accountancy positions, including Head of Finance (Housing).

He also served as vice-chair of CIPFA's Housing Panel until 2014.

He is currently the chair of the governing body of a nursery school in Nottingham, is the clerk to a parish council in Nottinghamshire, and serves as treasurer of a charity that provides financial advice and accountancy services to voluntary sector bodies in the Nottingham area.

He lives in Thrumpton in Nottinghamshire, but is a regular visitor to Loughborough, the Soar Valley and Beacon Hill Country Park.