

Appointment of Independent Co-opted Members

Summary

- 1 This report seeks approval for the appointment of two independent co-opted members to this committee to be recommended to full council.

Background

- 2 The committee's effectiveness action plan identified the need to appoint two non-voting independent co-opted members. Following a recruitment exercise undertaken in May 2013, Mr Martin Whiteley was subsequently appointed to the position for a term of two years. However, it was not possible to appoint a second member at that time.
- 3 The committee agreed to undertake a further recruitment exercise in 2014 to appoint a second co-opted member. An advert and person specification was therefore prepared and the position was advertised jointly with North Yorkshire County Council as it was also seeking to recruit to its audit committee. There was no intention to share a co-opted independent member rather that each would make its own appointment. Unfortunately only one application was received by the closing date of 26 September 2014 although a further two applications were received after the closing date.
- 4 Given the poor response, it was decided to re-advertise the position in January 2015. On this occasion, seven applications were received by the closing date of 23 January.
- 5 Mr Martin Whiteley has recently indicated that he intends to resign his existing position as independent member and not

seek re-appointment. Given this, I feel it is appropriate that the committee appoints two new independent members to serve from June 2015.

Interviews

- 6 All seven applicants were interviewed by a panel comprising the vice-chair, an officer and myself. The panel recommends that the following (listed in alphabetical order by surname) be considered for appointment as non-voting independent members of the committee, subject to approval by full council:

Mr Chris Bateman
Mr Andrew Mendus

- 7 The two people nominated offer a good mix of skills and experience. It is also recommended that the appointments be for a period of 4 years to ensure sufficient continuity.
- 8 It is further recommended that a third candidate, Mr Dave Mann be appointed as a reserve in the event that either nomination is declined or the people appointed resign before the end of their term.

Consultation

- 9 Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Options

- 10 Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Analysis

- 11 Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Council Plan

- 12 The committee supports the council's overall aims and priorities by promoting probity, integrity and honesty and by helping to make the council a more effective organisation.

Implications

- 13 There are no implications to this report in relation to:

- **Finance**

- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities**
- **Legal**
- **Crime and Disorder**
- **Information Technology (IT)**
- **Property**

Risk Management Assessment

14 The committee may fail to discharge its responsibilities if it is not fully effective.

Recommendation

15 Members are asked to:

- a) note the process followed to select candidates for the role of independent co-opted member and recommend to full council the appointment of Mr Chris Bateman and Mr Andrew Mendus for a period of 4 years, with Mr Dave Mann as a reserve.

Reason

To ensure that the committee continues to operate effectively and in accordance with recommended best practice.

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Specialist Implications Officers

Not applicable

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers

None

Annexes

None