

14.1 Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member Reappointment

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Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Committee comprises three independent members and two Councillors in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter adopted on 26 June 2018. One of the independent members, Mr Andrew Dix will be completing his first term of appointment on 30 June 2020. The Charter allows for independent members to serve a total of three consecutive terms. A review panel was convened to interview Mr Dix and discuss and evaluate his role on the Committee during his first term. The review panel recommends Council reappoint Mr Dix to the Committee for a further term.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council reappoint Mr Andrew Dix for a second term to the Audit and Risk Committee as an independent member, commencing on 1 July 2020 and expiring 30 June 2023.

2. BACKGROUND

The Audit and Risk Committee plays a pivotal governance role in providing Council with independent oversight and advice on Manningham City Council's financial and performance reporting, compliance of internal and external audit activities, risk management and internal control systems.

In keeping with Council's decision to stagger the expiry terms of the independent members to ensure seamless continuity of the Committee's function, Mr Dix's first term commenced on 1 July 2017 and expires on 30 June 2020.

3. DISCUSSION / ISSUE

Following Mr Dix's expression of interest in continuing in his appointed role, a review panel comprising the Director of Shared Services, Phil Lee, Corporate Counsel and Group Manager Governance and Risk, Mr Andrew McMaster and Senior Risk and Assurance Advisor, Vicki Miller, was formed.

The panel met with Mr Dix on 22 June 2020 and undertook a review interview utilising questions which evaluated Mr Dix's performance against the key criteria of the role.

The review panel concluded Mr Dix has consistently demonstrated his value in this role and agreed that Mr Dix has great experience in internal and external audit programs in the private and government sectors which has been valuable over the course of his first term on the Audit Committee.

The review panel:

- agreed that Mr Dix has a good understanding of the strategic risks that face Council presently and into the future; and
- considered he was able to demonstrate an effective working rapport with other Committee members and management to understand and respond to those risks;
- was of the view that Mr Dix has taken a pragmatic, risk based approach to issues considered and addressed by the Committee in exercising its independent function.

The review panel recommend to Council that they offer a second term of appointment to Mr Dix.

4. COUNCIL PLAN / STRATEGY

Continuity of a high performing Audit and Risk Committee will continue to provide an important independent governance function to Council and the citizens of Manningham.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Finance / Resource Implications

The appointment of Independent members to the Audit and Risk Committee is factored into each Council budget, and the reappointment of Mr Dix will therefore be accommodated within existing resources.

5.2 Timelines

Andrew Dix's reappointment would commence from 1 July 2020 for a three year period and expire on 30 June 2023.

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect conflict of interest in this matter.