**Report of Corporate Assurance Manager**

**To**

**GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**On**

**8 June, 2022**

# **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-ELECTED MEMBER TO THE GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

##### **SUMMARY**

* 1. This report seeks endorsement by the Governance and Standards Committee of the person recommended by the interview panel to be appointed to the vacant post of independent non-elected member on the Governance and Standards Committee subject to approval by Council.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

1. That Clare Wasteney be appointed to the vacant post of independent non-elected member of the Governance and Standards Committee for a period of four years

#### **3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 At the meeting of the Governance and Standards Committee on 23 February 2022 the membership of the panel for the interviews for the post of independent non-elected member of the Governance and Standards Committee was agreed.

3.2 It was also agreed that the outcome of the interview process would be reported back to this Committee for endorsement prior to seeking approval from Council.

3.3 The interview panel that comprised the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governance and Standards Committee, Councillors Sissons, the Head of Law and Governance and the Corporate Assurance Manager are recommending that Clare Wasteney be appointed to the post of independent non-elected member of the Governance and Standards Committee subject to Council approval for a four year period and an allowance of £530 per annum.

#### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

#### 4.1 The option available is to either recommend or not recommend to Council the appointment of Clare Wasteney to the post of independent non-elected member of the Governance and Standards Committee.

**5** **RISK ASSESSMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPTIONS**

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| **Risk** | **Risk Assessment** | **Risk Level** | **Risk Management** |
| Legal and Reputational | The Council’s Constitution stipulates that two non-elected members should be appointed to the Governance and Standards Committee. | Low | A suitable candidate to fill the vacancy has been identified through the recruitment process to ensure compliance with the Constitution. |
| Financial | There is no financial risk to the Council | - | - |

#### **6 ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

6.1 The need to maintain an effective Governance and Standards Committee is fundamental to the Council as it endeavours to achieve all its priorities.

#### **7 IMPLICATIONS**

(a) Relevant Legislation

Whilst there is no legal requirement to have non-elected independent members appointed to a Council’s Governance and Standards Committee, it is a requirement of the Council’s Constitution.

(b) Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998 is not engaged

(c) Equality and Diversity

An initial impact assessment has been completed and it concludes that the proposed actions are fair and equitable in their content and are not discriminative on the grounds of equality and human rights

(d) Climate change and environmental sustainability

The proposed actions in the report do not have any environmental implications and have no effect on the climate

(e) Crime and Disorder

There are no implications for crime and disorder

(f) Budget/Resource

The annual cost of the allowance for the independent non-elected member of £530 can be met from within existing budgets

**8** **COMMENTS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS**

Monitoring Officer – No specific comments

Section 151 Officer – No comments

**9 CONSULTATION**

9.1 No additional consultation has taken place

**10 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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