

## Mayoral Combined Authority Board

18 October 2022

### Independent Member Appointment to Audit, Standards & Risk Committee

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<b>Is the paper exempt from the press and public?</b>	No
<b><i>Reason why exempt:</i></b>	Not applicable
<b>Purpose of this report:</b>	Governance
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Has it been included on the Forward Plan?</b>	Not a Key Decision

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#### **Executive Summary**

This report seeks approval of the appointment of an independent member to the Audit and Standards Committee.

#### **What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?**

Properly constituted committees will ensure that the MCA can function effectively and make decisions that have a positive impact on the South Yorkshire communities.

#### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to approve the appointment of Dave Philips an independent member of the Audit, Standards and Risk Committee.

#### **Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel**

n/a

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 prescribes a number of matters determining how the Combined Authority must make arrangements for an Audit Committee including, amongst other matters the appointment of at least one Independent Person as a member of the Committee.

## **2. Key Issues**

### **2.1 Audit, Standards and Risk Committee**

Until recently the Committee had two independent members. One member ended their term in July and the remaining member is due to end their term March 2023.

Following an open recruitment exercise, interviews took place on 26<sup>th</sup> September. The panel consisted of the Audit, Standards and Risk Committee Chair, The Executive Director of Finance and Investment and the Head of Corporate Governance.

It is recommended that Dave Philips is appointed to the Committee for a term of 3 years.

A further recruitment campaign will take place in the new year as required.

## **3. Consultation on Proposal**

- 3.1 None, it is a requirement of the 2017 Order to appoint an Independent Person to the Committee.

## **4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 4.1 The term of office for the independent member will be 3 years from the date of the next Committee meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

## **5. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with the appointments other than the agreed allowance made to independent members of the Audit and Standards Committee.

## **6. Legal Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 The membership requirements of all MCA Boards and Committees are determined by the Constitution and the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (and regulations made there under). There will be a formal appointment contract put in place with the Independent Member.

## **7. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

- 7.1 There are no human resources implications relating to these appointments.

## **8. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

8.1 The overall composition of the committee is determined by the nominations made by Local Authorities. The recruitment and selection process for independent members is open and transparent and appointments are made on merit.

## **9. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

9.1 An Impact Assessment is not required for this activity.

## **10. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

10.1 There are no information and communication technology implications relating to this activity.

## **11. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice**

11.1 There are no communications and marketing implications relating to this activity.

### **List of Appendices Included**

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### **Background Papers**

MCA Constitution