

## Mayoral Combined Authority Board

6 March 2023

### 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>Reason why exempt:</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, Standards and Risk 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 Paul Schofield as 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**

Following an open recruitment exercise, interviews took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The panel consisted of an Audit, Standards and Risk Committee Independent member, The Executive Director of Resources and Investment and the Head of Corporate Governance.

Currently the Committee has two independent members. One member is due to end their term in March 2023. It is proposed that Paul Schofield is appointed to replace the member who is retiring.

It is recommended that the appointment is for a term of 3 years.

## **3. Consultation on Proposal**

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

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

- 4.1 The term of office for the new independent member will be 3 years from the date of the next Committee meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

## **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.