

County Council

14 December 2021

Appointment of Independent Member to Audit and Standards Committee

Recommendation(s)

That Council approves the appointment of Mr Robert Edwards Zara as an Independent Member of the Audit and Standards Committee

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Following a successful recruitment campaign and interview process, Mr Robert Edwards Zara has been identified as the successful candidate for appointment to the post of Independent Member of the Audit and Standards Committee.
- 1.2 The process comprised an application stage via the Council's recruitment portal and an interview by members of the Audit and Standards Committee.
- 1.3 This appointment requires ratification by Council in accordance with the Constitution.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 The post attracts a co-opted members allowance which is provided for within the Members Allowances Scheme.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The Responsibilities of the Audit and Standards Committee are contained within Part 2(7) of the Constitution, and the Composition and Functions are set out in the Articles to the Constitution.

4.2 The Committee is composed of six councillors and up to four other persons (the independent members) who are not councillors or officers of the council or any other body prescribed by regulations. It has been the Council's practice to appoint two independent members to the Audit and Standards Committee, one of whom is the Independent Chair. The appointment of Mr Edwards Zara will bring the complement of Independent Members back up to two.

4.3 Mr Edwards Zara was until his retirement in 2019 a Deputy District Judge of the Family Court.

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

5.1 The appointment will take effect from 1 January 2022 to enable Mr Edwards Zara to receive induction and training in advance of the first meeting of Audit and Standards in March 2022.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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