

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Audit, Risk and Scrutiny
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TITLE OF REPORT	Development of Elected Members – Update
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the development of members of this committee, since the last meeting of 11 May 2015.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

that the Committee note the content of the report.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications – all training is being provided in house.

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Staff in democratic services, finance, customer service and performance, human resources, internal audit are contributing to, and delivering training.

### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 On 8 September 2015, two new members of the Committee attended a session providing an overview on Risk Management, Internal and External Audit and the Annual Accounts. Attendance at the detailed session on each topic has still to be arranged.

5.2 At its meeting of 26 February 2015, members were advised that a programme would be organised for those elected members who were not members of the Committee. A session has been scheduled for 2 November to cover Scrutiny of Shared Services and Risk Management.

### 6. IMPACT

Developing members in the area of the governance and scrutiny of arms length external organisations (ALEOs) should lead to an improvement in the governance and decision making in this area. Developing members' roles in the Audit and Risk Committee will strengthen the scrutiny and risk management arrangements of Council.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The recommendations address the risks identified in the report "Roles and Responsibilities – Is Aberdeen City Council Getting It Right?" and aim to reduce risk relating to ALEOs.

It is important that members are in a position to properly scrutinise committee papers and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities around risk management. This report seeks to address this and improve members' confidence and competency in these areas.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Designing a Positive Framework Governance with Arms Length External Organisations – Audit and Risk Committee 27 February 2014

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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