

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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| COMMITTEE | Council |
| DATE | 22 February 2023 |
| EXEMPT | No |
| CONFIDENTIAL | No |
| REPORT TITLE | Convener of Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee |
| REPORT NUMBER | COM/23/056 |
| DIRECTOR | Gale Beattie, Director of Commissioning |
| CHIEF OFFICER | Jenni Lawson, Interim Chief Officer - Governance |
| REPORT AUTHOR | Martyn Orchard |
| TERMS OF REFERENCE | 7 |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek to appoint Councillor Crockett as Convener of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Macdonald.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:-

- 2.1 appoint Councillor Crockett as Convener of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 At the Statutory Council meeting on 18 May 2022, a number of appointments were made with regard to Conveners and Vice Conveners of the relevant committees.
- 3.2 Standing Order 2.6 stipulates that the Convener and Vice Convener of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee must be members of the opposition. Following the Statutory Council meeting, Councillors Macdonald and Houghton confirmed that they would be Convener and Vice Convener respectively of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee. The Council at its meeting on 29 June 2022, therefore noted those appointments and agreed that their remuneration as Senior Councillors be backdated to 18 May 2022.
- 3.3 In December 2022, Councillor Crockett replaced Councillor Macdonald as Leader of the Labour Group in Aberdeen, however this change was in very close proximity to the Council meeting of 14 December 2022, therefore the matter was not considered at that Council meeting.
- 3.4 Councillors Crockett and Macdonald have since advised that Councillor Crockett wishes to replace Councillor Macdonald as Convener of the Audit,

Risk and Scrutiny Committee with effect from the Council meeting on 22 February 2023. On that basis, Councillor Macdonald has submitted her resignation with effect from that date.

3.5 With regard to remuneration, the recommended change will have no impact on the number of Senior Councillors, nor the total amount paid to Senior Councillors given that it is simply replacing one Senior Councillor with another.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations of the report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

| Category | Risks | Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level | *Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions | *Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set? |
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| Strategic Risk | No significant risks identified | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Compliance | Council must comply with legislation and the Scheme of Governance | The recommendations comply with statutory obligations and the Scheme of Governance | L | Yes |
| Operational | No significant | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| | risks identified | | | |
| Financial | No significant risks identified | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Reputational | No significant risks identified | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Environment / Climate | No significant risks identified | N/A | N/A | N/A |

8. OUTCOMES

The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

| Assessment | Outcome |
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| Integrated Impact Assessment | Full impact assessment not required |
| Data Protection Impact Assessment | Not required |

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

11. APPENDICES

None

12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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