

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Subject:	Appointment of Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
Director:	Director - Monitoring Officer - Surjit Tour
Contribution towards Vision 2030:	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. Consider the appointment of an Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 Independent Member for the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

1.2 At the Council meeting on 4 April 2017, as part of the 2017/18 Governance (Committee and Scrutiny Board Structure) review, it was agreed to appoint another Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

1.3 The position has been re-advertised and interviews were arranged to take place on 9 July 2018. The interview panel consisted of the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, the Head of Audit and the Director – Monitoring Officer.

1.4 An update will be provided to Council at the meeting with regard to any appointment.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee contributes to the achievement of Sandwell's vision by examining and reporting on the state of the council's governance, risk management and internal control environment.

3 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The role of Independent Member is a voluntary position and no annual allowance is paid in respect of this appointment. However, travelling and subsistence expenses are paid at the appropriate rate. The cost of advertising is met from within existing budgets.

4 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee operates to an approved terms of reference, based upon a model from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Surjit Tour
Director – Monitoring Officer