



Report of : Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer			
Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Audit Committee	16 March 2021		n/a
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Subject: AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2020/21

1. Synopsis

1. In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment of members to the Personnel and Pensions Sub-Committees and the Pensions Board.

2. Following the resignation of Councillor Paul Smith from the Council, there is a vacancy for an employer representative on the Pensions Board. Councillor Smith was the Chair of the Board, so a vacancy has also arisen for that position.

3. This report seeks agreement to the appointments of Councillor Michelline Safi-Ngongo, Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families, as a substitute member on the Personnel Sub-Committee, and Councillor Richard Watts as a member of and Chair to the Pensions Board to replace Councillor Paul Smith.

2. Recommendations

(a) To appoint Councillor Michelline Safi-Ngongo as a substitute member on the Personnel Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2020/21, or until a successor is appointed.

(b) To appoint Councillor Richard Watts a member and Chair of the Pensions Board to replace Councillor Paul Smith for the municipal year 2020/21, or until a successor is appointed

3. Background

- 3.1 A vacancy for a substitute member on the Personnel Sub-Committee has occurred due to the fact that Councillor Kaya Comer has stepped down as a member of the Executive. Councillor Michelline Safi-Ngongo, the current Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families, has been nominated as her successor. All members of the Executive are substitutes on the Personnel Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 Councillor Paul Smith has resigned from the Council, giving rise to a vacancy for an employer representative on the Pensions Board. Councillor Smith was also the Chair of the Board. Councillor Richard Watts has been nominated as his successor as an employer representative of the Board and its Chair.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

None

4.2 Legal Implications

These are set out in the report.

4.3 Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030

There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

4.3 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A resident impact assessment has not been carried out since the contents of this report relate to a purely administrative function and will not impact on residents.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

Approval to the recommendations is needed to ensure that the Personnel Sub-Committee and the Pensions Board are properly constituted.

Background papers:

None.

Final Report Clearance

Signed by



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