

REPORT OF
The Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee

TO
Council
ON
21st October 2020

TITLE:

The appointment of an independent non-voting co-opted member to the Audit and Accounts Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr Edoardo Bucci as an independent non-voting co-opted member to the Audit and Accounts Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There is currently a vacancy on the Audit and Accounts Committee for an independent non-voting co-opted member. The committee recommends that Mr Edoardo Bucci be appointed to this role.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

- Council Constitution (available for public inspection on the [Salford City Council website](#))
 - Salford City Council minutes 18.01.17
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KEY DECISION: NO

DETAILS:

Membership of the Audit and Accounts Committee is outlined in the Council Constitution as follows (Part 3 - Responsibility for Functions, Section C – Responsibility for Non-Executive Functions):

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Membership

Membership of the Audit and Accounts Committee will be eight members of the council, appointed in accordance with the principles of political balance, together with two independent non-voting co-opted members. The Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee shall not be a member of the majority political group.

Members of the Audit and Accounts Committee will be appointed by the council. All Cabinet members and the City Mayor will not be eligible to sit on the Audit and Accounts Committee. The Lead Member for Finance and Customer Services or such other Lead Member as designated by the City Mayor from time to time will be authorised to attend meetings of the Committee but not vote.

As a co-opted member the position is paid an annual allowance of £408.44 and can claim travel allowances as provided for in Part 7 (Members' Allowance Scheme) of the Council Constitution, as available on the [Salford City Council website](#).

In January 2020, Mr Bruce Cowen resigned his position as an independent co-opted member of the committee after four years valuable service. The committee agreed to re-appoint to the position for a three year term with the option of a further term, as allowed under the powers delegated to it by the Council as recorded in the minutes of the Council dated 18.01.17.

Following the recruitment process, as agreed by the Audit and Accounts Committee on 21.01.20 the committee agreed (at its meeting held on 23.09.20) to recommend the successful candidate, Mr Edoardo Bucci, to the Council for appointment. Mr Bucci works for a leading global provider of audit and assurance, consulting, financial advisory, risk advisory, tax, and related services and is a Salford resident.

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES:

The Council Constitution.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

The appointment is made in accordance with the council's recruitment and selection procedures.

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

Low. The Council Constitution states that members of the Audit and Accounts Committee will be appointed by the Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

These are set out in the body of the report.

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

Not applicable.

HR IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

Not applicable.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

Not applicable.

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED:

Not applicable.

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WARDS TO WHICH REPORT RELATES:

All.