

Selection & Constitutional Review Committee

19th May 2011

Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee

The ability of the Audit Committee to appoint a Co-opted Independent Member(s) if it so wishes.

At its meetings on the 14th December 2010 and the 1st February 2011 the Audit Committee considered the findings of a review of the Committee undertaken by Local Government Improvement & Development (LGID). One of the key recommended areas of development for the Committee to consider was the possibility of appointing co-opted non-voting Members to the Committee. It was seen as good practice and an opportunity to acquire independence, challenge and useful skills and experiences from other sectors.

In discussions the Committee agreed with the recommendation in principle but wished to defer a final decision until after the Election.

Therefore, the purpose of this report is to seek approval for an addition to the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference by way of a footnote enabling the Committee to appoint one or more Co-opted Non-Voting Independent Members if it so wishes.

Issue to be Decided

Members are asked to agree: -

That an additional footnote be added to the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee as follows: -

Note: The Committee has been given the ability to appoint one or more Co-opted Non-Voting Independent Members if it so wishes.

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