



Audit Committee Appointment of Independent Chair

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is an advisory Committee of Council with an overall objective to assist the Council and the Chief Executive to discharge their duties

The Audit Committee promotes continuous improvement and contributes to the overall effectiveness of key governance operations especially around:

- Financial stewardship
- Risk management
- Compliance
- Internal controls
- Internal and External Audit

The Committee is established in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 and these requirements are reflected in the Audit Committee Charter

The Audit Committee Charter States that:

- The Committee must consist of at least three and no more than six members, and
- Council's principle is to appoint an Independent External Chairperson.

Appointment of new Independent Members

Mr Peter Dowling AM (Independent Chair), and Mr Len Scanlan (Independent Member) were appointed to Council's Audit Committee in 2009.

At the May 2020 Ordinary Meeting, Council endorsed recommendations associated with the "Independent Audit Committee Member Transition Strategy" Report which outlined the strategy for the replacement of the two existing Independent Audit Committee Members.

At the November 2020 Ordinary Meeting, Council appointed Mr Mitchell Petrie and Mr Patrick McCallum as Independent Audit Committee Members to replace Mr Peter Dowling AM and Mr Len Scanlan whose contracts expired June 2021.

Appointment of new Independent Chair

The next Audit Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 2021

The appointment of an independent Audit Committee Chairperson is supported by Council's endorsed Audit Committee Charter

It is considered that Mr Mitchell Petrie possesses the Governance, Extensive Knowledge, Skills and Experience required to fulfil the position of Independent Chair.

Thank you.



See council's website for further details
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