

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Kirsten Morrin, Director Legal and Governance

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 6.4 – Audit Risk and Compliance Committee Annual Report to Council 2022/23

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee's 2022/23 Annual Report, as shown as Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) ***appoint Councillor Robert Kok to participate in the interview process and preparation of recommendations to Council for the appointment of new external members to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee; and***
- (C) ***note that the interview panel will consist of the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, a Councillor representative and the Chief Financial Officer.***

Additions shown in ***bold italics***.

Purpose

To provide an Alternative Recommendation which appoints a Councillor representative to the interview process and preparation of recommendations to Council for the appointment of new external members to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

Background

At the Corporate, Properties, Finance and Tenders Committee on 16 October 2023, further information was sought on whether Councillors were involved in the selection process currently underway to appoint a new member to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

The process is currently being undertaken in accordance with the 26 June 2023 Resolution of Council, which delegated authority to the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, to undertake a recruitment process for independent members by way of a public expression of interest process.

The expression of interest process was open between 22 September 2023 and 8 October 2023 on the City's website with advertising on the Institute of Internal Auditors job board, Sydney Morning Herald, and the Australian Financial Review. The expression of interest was also promoted through Council's newsletter and social media channels.

Applications are currently under review. In accordance with the 26 June 2023 Resolution of Council, the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee was proposing to undertake interviews with shortlisted candidates with members of the Executive. As noted in the 26 June 2023 Resolution of Council, a future report will be put to Council for endorsement in relation to the appointment of the new external member.

Under the current draft guidelines, the Chair is required to lead the recruitment of new independent members to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee with appointments to be by way of resolution of the governing body.

The Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, in response to the suggestions of councillors, is happy to include a Councillor representative in the interview process. It is recommended by the Chair that the one of the Councillor members of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee be the representative as they are familiar with the operation of the Committee.

It is recommended by the Chair that the Chief Financial Officer be involved in the interview process as there is a requirement for the external member to be recruited through the current process to hold financial qualifications.

Should the Alternative Recommendation be endorsed by Council, the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee will liaise with the Councillor members of the Committee to determine their availability to participate in the interview process and preparation of recommendations to Council for the appointment of new external members to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, noting that a vacancy will arise from 30 November 2023.

Memo from Kirsten Morrin, Director Legal and Governance

Attachments

Attachment A. CEO MEMO 4.1 – 26.06.23 - Audit Risk and Compliance Committee Independent Expert Recruitment

Approved

P. M. Barone

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Chief Executive Officer