

6.2.4 Re-appointment of Independent Members to Audit & Risk Committee

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Recommendation(s)

That Council re-appoint Michael Said and Vincent Philpott as members of the Audit and Risk Committee for a further term of four years.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

The term of appointment of Michael Said and Vincent Philpott expired in April 2023.

As per the Audit & Risk Committee Charter, Independent Members are appointed for four-year terms, with the possibility of reappointment for one additional four-year term, up to a maximum of eight years, subject to satisfactory performance.

Given our successful collaboration with Michael Said and Vincent Philpott and their valuable contributions to the committee, and excellent knowledge of Council's business, it is recommended to re-appoint them both for a further four years.

Background

The Audit & Risk Committee consists of five members appointed by Council, three of whom must be independent members. Council employees cannot be members of the Committee. Details of membership and tenure are set out below:

Independent Members

- 3.1 Independent members will be appointed for four-year terms.
- 3.2 Independent members may be reappointed for one additional four-year term subject to satisfactory performance, that is, to a maximum of eight years.
- 3.3 Independent members must collectively have expertise in financial management and reporting and risk management and also experience in public sector management.
- 3.4 Independent members terms of appointment will be set so that as far as possible only one member retires at a time in order to minimise the loss of knowledge of Councils business that may occur on change of membership.
- 3.5 Remuneration will be paid to independent members as approved by Council from time to time.

Councillor Members

- 3.6 Councillor members will be appointed to the Committee by Council annually.
- 3.7 Should an appointed Councillor member not be able to attend a committee meeting. Council can appoint an alternate member to act in such circumstances, either on a meeting-by-meeting basis or for the entire year.

Chairperson

- 3.8 The Chairperson of the Committee must be an independent member.

- 3.9 Council will appoint the Chairperson of the Committee for a period that is consistent with the Council four-year term.
- 3.10 If the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, the members in attendance at the meeting will appoint a chairperson for that meeting from among the attending members.

Quorum for Meetings

- 3.11 A quorum shall comprise at least one Councillor member and two independent members

Policy Implications

Nil

Relevance to Council Plan

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

5.1.2 Manage our finances responsibly and leave a positive legacy for future generations.

5.1.3 Strive to be a customer focused organisation and be a great place to work.

5.1.4 Maximise value for our community through efficient service delivery, innovation, strategic partnerships and advocacy.

5.1.5 Champion the collective values of the community through the Councillors' governance of the shire.

Climate Emergency Consideration

There are no climate emergency consideration as part of this report.

Consultation/Communication

Communication with the Councils Councillor Audit and Risk Committee Members, Councillor Kowarzik and Councillor Davies has occurred.

Conversation with both Michael Said and Vincent Philpott has occurred, and they have both signed letters of acceptance to continue for a further 4-year term.

Financial and Resource Implications

Independent members remuneration has been benchmarked and reviewed and will be increased to \$2000 per meeting (11%), and the Chairperson's remuneration will be increased to \$2700 per meeting (11%). The Committee meets 5 times per year.

Conclusion

That Council re-appoint Michael Said and Vincent Philpott for a further term of 4 years as independent members of the Audit & Risk Committee.