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Key Decision - No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Appointment of Independent Members to Corporate Governance Committee

Meeting/Date: Council, 22nd May 2024

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Customer Services, Cllr S Ferguson

Report by: Director of Finance and Corporate Services

Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

At the meeting of the Council held on 22nd February 2023, Council approved the appointment of up to two non-voting Independent Members to the Corporate Governance Committee to enhance and support the independent assurances provided by the Committee. Council also approved the necessary variations to the Council's Constitution. The process to identify candidates has been completed and is reported for ratification by the Council.

A programme of publicity designed to generate expressions of interests from members of the public has been undertaken and several applications were received. A Selection Panel comprising the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillors S Ferguson and M Hassall and supported by the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources met during the week beginning 18th March 2024 to interview four candidates and to make recommendations for consideration by the Council.

The Selection Panel have proposed, subject to Council approval that Messrs Philip Webb and Tarun Sakhrani be appointed to the Panel for a period of three years to April 2027. Both candidates have indicated that they would be happy to accept these positions.

It is currently not proposed to pay remuneration to these individuals.

Once the formal appointment process has been completed, inductions will be held, and Independent Members will be invited to their first Corporate Governance meeting in May.

Independent Members are expected to comply with the Council Procedure Rules that apply to meetings of the Corporate Governance Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution.

Recommendation(s):

The Council is

RECOMMENDED

to appoint Messrs P Webb and T Sakhrani as Members to the Corporate Governance Committee for a period up to 30th April 2027.

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