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Responsible Executive Executive Governance and Strategy

Author Manager Legal and Compliance

Attachments

1. Applicant 1 CV (**Confidential**)
2. Applicant 1 EOI (**Confidential**)
3. Applicant 2 CV (**Confidential**)
4. Applicant 2 EOI (**Confidential**)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) APPOINTS Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 as Independent Members of the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee.

Background

On 14 June 2023 the City's Independent Member of the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee (ARC), Glyn Geen resigned.

Subsequently, Council resolved to:

- (1) *REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer commences advertisement for an external Independent Member of the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee.*

The Expression of Interest (EOI) was advertised on 23 August 2023 for two weeks, on the City's website and on Seek. The City received two submissions.

On 12 October 2023, Council resolved to defer the consideration of the applicants to allow for ARC members to meet with the candidates.

Council also endorsed amendments to the Terms of Reference for the ARC which would allow for up to two independent members to be appointed to the ARC.

Submission

N/A

Report

The next ARC meeting will be held on 7 December 2023.

Council have requested to consider the independent member appointments before this meeting, so the next meeting of the ARC will include the independent members.

On 20 October 2023 Members of the ARC (Cr Allen, Cr Corke and Cr Dewan [electronically]) met with the two candidates, along with the Executive Governance and Strategy.

The ARC members indicated support of the suitability of both applicants to be appointed as independent members.

It is recommended Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 be appointed as independent members of the ARC.

Strategic Plans/Policy Implications

Listening and Leading

A community focused, sustainable, accountable, and progressive organisation.

- Best practice Governance, partnerships and value for money.
- Employer of choice focusing on equity, innovation and technology.

Budget/Financial Implications

The local government reform will see changes to the *Local Government Act 1995* which will create provisions for local governments to make payment to independent committee members, in accordance with the prescribed amounts set by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.

When those changes are in place, a report will be presented to Council to amend the budget if required.

The City can reimburse expenses.

Legal Implications

Section 7.1A of the *Local Government Act 1995* refers.

Community Consultation

The City advertised an EOI on 23 August 2023 to receive applications.

Risk Management Implications

Appointment of an independent member is best practice, and a common audit recommendation due to the benefit and value of professional advice and expertise afforded by an external.

There is a low risk associated with opting not to continue with the practice of appointing an independent member to the City's audit committee.

Advice to Proponent(s)/Submitters

The Proponent(s) and those who lodged a submission on the proposal have been advised that this matter is to be considered at the 9 November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Implications of Section 3.18(3) *Local Government Act 1995*

Nil.