

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE No. 2, 2023/24

FULL COUNCIL 14th of March 2024

Chair: Councillor Erdal Dogan

Deputy Chair: Cllr Eldridge Culverwell

1. INTRODUCTION

The Full Council received a paper on 27 March 2023 setting out the need for the composition of an Audit Committee and subsequently agreed its membership and its Terms of Reference which included two non-voting independent advisors.

Following the establishment of an Audit Committee and addition of its terms of reference to the Constitution which requires the inclusion of two independent non – voting members on the Audit Committee, the role of independent members was widely advertised regionally in Haringey. The appointment panel consisted of the Head of Audit and Risk Management, the Director of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance. The appointment was conducted in line with the Council's HR process, who supported the appointment process.

Suitable candidates who had applied were short listed and interviewed from June to September 2023. Following the completion of this exercise, the panel appointed two independent advisors, in line with the process set out in the Full Council paper from 27 March 2023. The Chair of the Audit Committee was consulted during the appointment process and updated on the progress of the recruitment.

In line with paragraph 2 of the Committee Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the full Council is asked to approve the appointments and their allowance payment.

WE RECOMMEND

1. The appointment of the two independent non – voting advisors, Reene Deba and Reeyaz Jacobs a period of 4 years, backdated, commencing on 1 October 2023 and ending on 30 September 2027.
2. We recommend that each independent adviser receive an allowance of £1,250.00 per annum.

