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**Governance and Audit
Committee**

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Subject: Co-opted members of Governance and Audit Committee

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Purpose / Summary:	To allow the Governance and Audit Committee the opportunity to discuss the arrangements for Co-opted Members on the Governance and Audit Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Members consider and discuss arrangements for the appointments of Co-opted Members

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None

Financial : fin/111/15 Each Co-opted member receives an allowance of £38.18 per meeting which they attend as well as travelling expenses. There are currently 7 meeting per year. In addition it is anticipated that Co-opted members would be included in the for members IT. The proposed budget for this is £500 per term. Therefor the annual cost of a Co-opted Member would be approximately £450 per year.

Staffing : None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : N/A

Risk Assessment : N/A

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

Key Decision:

Yes

No

1 Introduction

- 1.1 It is recommended best practice that Councils have at least 1 Co-opted independent member on its Audit Committee. It also a requirement set in the Council's own constitution.
- 1.2 Currently there are 2 Co-opted members of the Governance and Audit Committee. The term of both of these members is due to come to an end in May 2015.

2 Areas for Consideration

- The numbers of Co-opted members
 - The terms for each
 - The recruitment process for Co-opted members
 - Remuneration
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- 2.1 Members are asked to discuss and share their views on these area and any views can be taken into account for the recruitment for May 2015. Any appoints will be approved by full council in accordance with the constitution.