

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by Chief Officer – Resources****Audit Committee: 15 June 2022**

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**Subject: Appointment of Lay Members****1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the current status of Lay Member appointments to the Audit Committee.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:
- note the resignation of Lay Member Christopher Todd.
  - agree to the continuation of current Lay Member Chris Johnstone.
  - consider whether additional Lay Members should be appointed.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Audit Committee has appointed Lay Members to the Committee since 2015/16.
- 3.2 Audit Scotland have commented positively on the appointment of Lay Members to the Audit Committee through their Annual Report to Members each year in terms of the Council's overall corporate governance arrangements.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1. There were two Lay Members appointed to the Audit Committee however, one Lay Member, Christopher Todd, has resigned from his appointment and the other Lay Member Chris Johnstone has expressed an interest in continuing his appointment to the Audit Committee.

**5. People Implications**

- 5.1 There are no people implications. Recruitment of new lay members will be undertaken in line with previous practice.

**6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications. Lay Members are entitled to claim incidental expenses as a result of their appointment.
- 6.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

**7. Risk Analysis**

7.1 Appointing Lay Members to the Audit Committee would positively contribute to the Council's overall corporate governance arrangements.

**8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

8.1 There are no issues.

**9. Consultation**

9.1 This report has been subject to consultation with appropriate Chief Officers, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

**10. Strategic Assessment**

10.1 This report relates to strong corporate governance.

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**Date: 15 June 2022**

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All wards