

18.4 Appointment of Independent Member - Finance and Audit Committee

Report Reference	GC210810F18.4
Originating Officer	Unit Manager Governance and Council Support – Victoria Moritz
Corporate Manager	Manager Office of the CEO - Kate McKenzie
General Manager	Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison

CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Services, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager City Development, Manager Office of the CEO, Manage People and Culture, Governance Officer, Unit Manager Governance and Council Support, be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to the appointment of an independent member to the Finance and Audit Committee, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information concerns the personal affairs of any person.

REPORT HISTORY

Report Reference	Report Title
RSC210803R6.1	Independent Member – Finance and Audit Committee

REPORT OBJECTIVE

To endorse the recommendation of the Review and Selection Committee to appoint Ms Emma Hinchey for a further three years as Independent Member to the Finance and Audit Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Review and Selection Committee (RSC), a report was considered by the Committee at the meeting on 3 August 2021, to consider and make a recommendation to Council regarding the appointment or recruitment for an Independent Member to the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC).

At the RSC meeting held on 3 August 2021, the Committee resolved to recommend to Council the re-appointment of Ms Emma Hinchey as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee. The recommendation for re-appointment is for a further three years from 30 November 2021 until 30 November 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Re-appoint Ms Emma Hinchey as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee for a further three year term to expire on 30 November 2024.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that this report, Appointment of Independent Member – Finance and Audit Committee and the minutes arising from this report having been considered in

confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Act, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter, be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the Independent Member has been notified of the outcome. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the General Council Meeting in December 2021.

DISCUSSION

The FAC has three expert members that form part of the membership of the Committee. The term of the expert members has historically been for a three-year period and is structured to ensure that the expiration of the term falls at different times to allow continuity of membership despite changes to Council's elected representatives. It has been common practice of the Council to change membership of expert members after conclusion of two consecutive terms.

The report to the RSC highlighted that Ms Emma Hinchey's term on the FAC expires 30 November 2021. Ms Hinchey was appointed to the FAC from 1 January 2017 to November 2018 following the resignation of a previous member. She was then appointed for a further 3 years from November 2018 to November 2021. Ms Hinchey commenced as Chair of the Committee from November 2019.

The views of Ms Hinchey have been sought and she expressed her desire to continue on the FAC if Council so determined.

The following table provides the details of the current FAC membership, when they were appointed and when their terms expire.

Member	First Appointed	Expiry of Term
Ms Emma Hinchey	1 January 2017 1 December 2019 –Chair	30 November 2021
Mr David Papa	1 December 2019	30 November 2022
Ms Nicolle Rantanen	1 December 2020	30 November 2023
Councillor Maggie Duncan	1 December 2020	30 November 2021

Council has resolved that the Elected Member position for the FAC will be Councillor Maggie Duncan (appointed 1 December 2020 – 30 November 2021). This position will be considered alongside Council's various positions for Elected Member Representatives prior to their expiry in November 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil