



### 5.3 Independent Member - Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

<b>Report Reference</b>	RSC230801R5.3
<b>Originating Officer</b>	Unit Manager Governance and Council Support – Victoria Moritz
<b>Corporate Manager</b>	Manager Office of the Chief Executive - Kate McKenzie
<b>General Manager</b>	Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison

### CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Committee 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, Unit Manager Governance and Council Support, Governance Office and Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer, be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to SRWRA Audit Committee Member - City of Marion Representative, 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 OBJECTIVE

For the Review and Selection Committee to consider and make a recommendation to Council regarding the appointment and or recruitment process for an independent Member to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FRAC 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 the conclusion of two consecutive terms.

This report highlights that Ms Nicolle Rantanen's term on the FRAC expires 30 November 2023. Ms Rantanen was appointed to the FRAC from 1 December 2020 to November 2023 for a period of three years. Ms Rantanen is eligible to continue on the FRAC if she desires.

Council has two options regarding this position:

1. Re-appoint Ms Rantanen for a term of three years;
2. Undertake a recruitment process for the position

The views of Ms Rantanen are being sought if she would like to continue on the FRAC, if Council so determines.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Review and Selection Committee recommend:**

1. That a recruitment process for an Independent Member of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee be conducted.

**Or**

2. That Ms Rantanen be re-appointed as an Independent Member to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee for a period of 3 years until November 2026.

And

3. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that this report, Independent Member - Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, any appendices 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 for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the General Council Meeting in December 2023.

## DISCUSSION

The FRAC is established pursuant to Section 126 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Under the FRAC's Terms of Reference, the FRAC will comprise of five members – two council members and three expert members.

Section 3.9 – 3.13 of the FRAC Terms of Reference state the following:

### External Expert Members

- 3.9 External expert members will have senior business, legal, audit knowledge and experience, expertise in financial management / reporting and be conversant with the local government environment.
- 3.10 The Council will determine the process for appointing an expert member.
- 3.11 Appointment of external representatives will be made by Council for a term to be determined by Council. To ensure succession planning for the Committee, the terms of appointment should be arranged on a rotational basis and continuity of membership despite changes to Council's elected representatives. Council may resolve to re-appoint an external expert member for consecutive terms.
- 3.12 If Council proposes to remove an expert member from the Committee, it must give written notice to the expert member of its intention to do so and provide that expert member with the opportunity to be heard at a Council meeting which is open to the public, if that expert member so requests.
- 3.13 Remuneration will be paid to each expert member of the Committee to be set by Council from time to time. At a minimum, the remuneration paid to the expert member will be reviewed within 12 months from the date of a Council (periodic) election.

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

Member	First Appointed	Expiry of Term
Mr Josh Hubbard	1 December 2022	30 November 2025
Ms Emma Hinchey	1 January 2017 1 December 2019 - Chair	30 November 2024
Ms Nicole Rantanen	1 December 2020	30 November 2023
Councillor Jason Veliskou	30 November 2022	30 November 2023
Councillor Jayne Hoffmann	30 November 2022	30 November 2023

If a recruitment process is undertaken, the Review and Selection Committee will manage this process. If the Committee recommends to re-appoint Ms Rantanen it is recommended that the term be three years until November 2026.

Council has resolved that the Council Member positions for the FRAC are Councillor Veliskou and Councillor Hoffmann (appointed 30 November 2022 – 30 November 2023). These positions will be considered alongside Councils various positions for Council Member Representatives prior to their expiry in November 2023.

The Review and Selection Committee is required to make a recommendation to Council regarding the approach to the re-appointment or appointment of an expert member to the FRAC.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil