

REPORT TO:	GENERAL PURPOSES & AUDIT COMMITTEE 10 October 2018
SUBJECT:	GPAC Independent Non-voting Member Recruitment
LEAD OFFICER:	Simon Maddocks, Director of Governance
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Simon Hall Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	
The report relates to the appointment of independent non-voting Members in respect of Audit functions for the General Purposes and Audit Committee	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	
There are no direct costs arising from the proposals within this report.	
1. RECOMMENDATIONS:	
That the Committee:	
1.1 Supports the recommendation of the recruitment panel for the preferred candidate to be appointed as an independent non-voting co-opted member of the Committee;	
1.2 Recommends to Full Council that the appointment should be confirmed for the remainder of the municipal year and that said appointment be subject to the Code of Conduct for Non-Voting Co-optees.	

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report identifies the recommended candidate to be appointed as an independent non-voting co-opted Member on the General Purposes and Audit Committee.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council Constitution provides for the General Purposes and Audit Committee to have two non-elected independent non-voting members on the Committee. These co-opted Members can provide the Committee with outside knowledge, experience and skills that can inform the Audit work of the General Purposes and Audit Committee and supplement the role of Members.
- 3.2 There is currently a vacancy following the resignation of one of the post holders.

- 3.3 At its meeting on July 18th 2018, this committee gave a delegation to the Chair and the Director of Governance to commence recruitment by inviting applications for the vacant post. Once a suitable candidate was identified following the interview process, this was to be reported back to the committee at a future meeting to enable a recommendation to be made to Full Council in December for the appointment to be confirmed.
- 3.4 It is hoped that a new independent non-voting co-opted Member of the committee would commence their duties at the December meeting of the committee.
- 3.5 After advertising the role on the Council's website, in the Council's e-newsletter 'Your Croydon' and on LinkedIn and an interview process, a suitable candidate has been identified.
- 3.6 The Committee is asked to recommend to Full Council, the appointment of **Nousheen Hassan** as an independent non-voting co-opted member of the General Purposes and Audit Committee, in relation to Audit only functions. Such appointment is to be subject to the Code of Conduct for Non-Voting Co-optees. Nousheen was a lifelong resident of the borough until very recently and still maintains strong ties as a board trustee of the charity 'Off the Record' in Croydon. Professionally she provides risk management and internal audit services to the insurance and financial services sector. In addition she has some past experience of internal audit in local government.

4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The proposals within the report do not have financial implications as the Scheme of Members Allowances does not contain provision for allowances to Co-opted Members.

(Approved by: Ian Geary, Head of Finance, Resources & Accountancy)

5. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 5.1 The Council Solicitor comments that there is provision within the Constitution for the appointment of two independent non-voting co-opted committee members who are permitted to be involved in respect of the Audit Functions of the committee only.

(Approved by: Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law, for and on behalf of Jacqueline Harris-Baker, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer)

6. HUMAN RESOURCES EQUALITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACTS

- 6.1 There are no direct implications in these areas arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None