

30. Audit and Risk Management Committee - Reappointment of an External Committee Member

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/1389611

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Confidentiality

Section under the Act:	The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
Sub-clause and Reason:	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
Public Interest Consideration:	The public interest in this appointment is out weighed by the need to protect the candidate's reputation.
Potential Release Review Date and Conditions:	7 August 2025 Following the conclusion of the independent member appointment process.

1. Purpose and Origin of the Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report to recommend the reappointment of Ms Hilary Walton to the Audit and Risk Management Committee as an independent member.
- 1.2 The report has been written in anticipation that Ms Hilary Walton's first term is due to end on the 11 August 2025 and the Committee's Terms of Reference indicate that independent members are eligible for a second term without special approval, though they also stated that Council approval is required for all appointments.

2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Council:

1. Reappoints Ms Hilary Walton as an Independent Member of the Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee (subject to her again accepting the Council's terms of engagement) for a second term to conclude on 11 August 2028 (or, if the Committee were discharged before then, to conclude on such earlier date).
2. Notes that Ms Hilary Walton has confirmed her willingness to serve on the Audit and Risk Management Committee through to 11 August 2028 and has been advised the Council's approval would be sought.
3. Delegates to the Principal Advisor to the Audit and Risk Management Committee the Council's powers of termination of appointment as may be set out in a letter of engagement or elsewhere, to be exercised if necessary, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

4. Agrees that the announcement of the reappointment of Ms Hilary Walton can be released immediately if approved, and that the report can be released upon the confirmation of the appointment.

3. Executive Summary Te Whakarāpopoto Matua

- 3.1 The Audit and Risk Management Committee includes three independent members, selected on the basis of their professional subject matter expertise and ability to provide independent oversight. This enables the Committee to effectively deliver its function.
- 3.2 The appointment is through to 11 August 2028.

4. Background/Context Te Horopaki

- 4.1 The Audit and Risk Management Committee's Terms of Reference prescribe as follows in relation to the appointment of independent members:
 - *Identify skills required for Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Appointment panels will include the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, Chair of Finance and Performance Committee and Chair of Audit and Risk Management Committee. Council approval is required for all Independent Member appointments.*
 - *The term of the Independent members should be for three years. (It is recommended that the term for independent members begins on 1 April following the Triennial elections and ends 31 March three years later. Note the term being from April to March provides continuity for the committee over the initial months of a new Council.)*
 - *Independent members are eligible for re-appointment to a maximum of two terms. By exception the Council may approve a third term to ensure continuity of knowledge.*

5. Financial Implications Ngā Hīraunga Rauemi

Capex/Opex Ngā Utu Whakahaere

- 5.1 Cost to Implement – Nil.
- 5.2 Funding Source – Existing budgets.

6. Considerations Ngā Whai Whakaaro

Legal Considerations Ngā Hīraunga ā-Ture

- 6.1 Statutory and/or delegated authority to undertake proposals in the report:
 - 6.1.1 Local Government Act 2002 s 31(3).
- 6.2 Other Legal Implications:
 - 6.2.1 There is no legal context, issue, or implication relevant to this decision.

Strategy and Policy Considerations Te Whai Kaupapa here

- 6.3 The required decision:
 - 6.3.1 Align with the [Christchurch City Council's Strategic Framework](#).
 - 6.3.2 Is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

- 6.3.3 Is consistent with Council’s Plans and Policies.
- 6.4 This report supports the [Council's Long Term Plan \(2024 - 2034\)](#):
- 6.5 Governance
 - 6.5.1 Activity: Governance and Decision Making
 - Level of Service: 4.1.22 Provide services that ensure all Council, and Committee meetings are held with full statutory compliance - 98% compliance 13.6.11.1. Risk Management advisory service to promote and cultivate good risk management discipline through planning, reporting and undertaking initiatives.
- Support ELT's Risk Management through risk reporting, and complete initiatives agreed through an annual ELT Risk Management Improvement Plan.

Community Impacts and Views Ngā Mariu ā-Hāpori

- 6.6 The decision does not involve a significant decision in relation to ancestral land or a body of water or other elements of intrinsic value, therefore this decision does not specifically impact Mana Whenua, their culture and traditions.

Impact on Mana Whenua Ngā Whai Take Mana Whenua

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Climate Change Impact Considerations Ngā Whai Whakaaro mā te Āhuarangi

- 6.15 The proposals in this report are unlikely to contribute significantly to adaptation to the impacts of climate change or emissions reductions.
- 6.16 The Audit and Risk Management Committee has a role in considering climate change impacts, therefore effective independent risk skills will support Council oversight.

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this report.

In addition to the attached documents, the following background information is available:

Document Name – Location / File Link
Not applicable

Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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