

Appointment of the Audit and Risk Committee Independent Member

Purpose of paper	Council is asked to ratify the appointment of Rajeev Arya as the independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)
Status	Public session
Action	For decision
Corporate Strategy 2016-19	Performance Objective 1: To improve our performance across all our functions so that we are highly effective as a regulator
Business Plan 2018	N/A
Decision Trail	The Council received a paper on the appointments process for the independent member of ARC at its meeting on 1 February 2018.
Next stage	N/A
Recommendations	The Council is asked to ratify the appointment of the new ARC independent member
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Appendices	N/A

1. Appointment of the new independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)

- 1.1 The Council received a paper setting out the rationale and process for the appointment of the new independent member on the ARC at its meeting on 1 February 2018. The role of the independent member is to provide specialist expertise in finance and risk to the Committee.
- 1.2 The appointments process was approved by the Council and it was agreed that the appointment could be made by Chair's action so that the new independent member could participate in the next meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee on 16 April.
- 1.3 The successful candidate was Rajeev Arya and following consultation with Council members, he was sent a letter of appointment by the Chair of Council, with effect from 11 April 2018. He

subsequently attended the ARC meeting on 16 April, where the 2017 Annual Report and Accounts was considered prior to being recommended to the Council for approval.

- 1.4 However, appointments to Committees are reserved to the Council. Standing Order 10, which cover urgent action and decisions between meetings, indicates that Chair's action should not be used for matters reserved to the Council. Therefore, the Council needs to formally ratify this appointment.
- 1.5 As the decision to appoint the new independent member must be taken by Council, Rajeev Arya was not a full member of the Audit and Risk Committee when it met on 16 April. This does not impact on the quoracy of the meeting or any decisions taken at the meeting

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Council is asked to formally ratify Rajeev Arya's appointment as the independent member on the Audit and Risk Committee. His first term of office ends on 31 March 2021.