

8.3 Appointment of Independent Member - Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Report Reference	SGC241119F8.3
Originating Officer	Unit Manager Governance and Council Support – Victoria Moritz
Corporate Manager	Manager Office of the Chief Executive - Sarah Vinall
General Manager	Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison

CONFIDENTIAL MOTION

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the public be excluded from attendance at that part of this meeting relating to Agenda Item *SGC241119F8.3 Appointment of Independent Member Finance, Risk and Audit Committee*, except the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Services, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager City Development, Manager People & Culture, Manager Office CEO, Chief Finance Officer and Unit Manager Governance & Council Support to enable the Committee to consider the Item in confidence on the basis the Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting those persons listed above) in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the following information or matter relating to the Item: Information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), the disclosure of which would be unreasonable being information relating to the recommendation of appointment of an independent member to the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee containing sensitive information and details which are only known to those who have participated in the selection process.
2. Determines, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the information or matter confidential

REPORT HISTORY

Report Reference	Report Title
RSC241105F5.2	FRAC Independent Member recommendation to Council

REPORT OBJECTIVE

To recommend the appointment of an Independent Member for the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (the Committee) for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Paula Davies be appointed as an independent member of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee for a term of three years commencing on 1 December 2024 and concluding on 30 November 2027.
2. Melissa Oors-L'Estrange be appointed as an independent member of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee for a term of two years commencing on 1 December 2024 and concluding on 30 November 2026.
3. Pursuant to section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, orders that the following document(s) relating to Agenda Item *SGC241119F8.3 Appointment of*

Independent Member Finance, Risk and Audit Committee shall be kept confidential, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter, being document(s) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Act, :

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on the grounds that the document(s) relates to information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to release personal information of the candidates for the Finance Risk and Audit Committee which is not yet public information.

4. **Determines this order shall operate:**
- until the successful candidates have been notified of the appointments.
and will be reviewed every 12 months.
5. **Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke this order in whole or part.**

DISCUSSION

The current Finance Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC) Chair's term expires 30 November 2024 with the incumbent unable to be reappointed. Consequently, on 27 August 2024, Council resolved to appoint current FRAC independent member, Josh Hubbard, to the position of Chair. Recruitment to fill the vacant independent member position commenced on 24 September.

While advertising the vacancy, the remaining independent member advised of her resignation from November 2024. Consequently, the recruitment process was expended to fill two positions.

63 applications were received, with 4 candidates shortlisted for interview on 24 October 2024.

The Review and Selection Committee considered a report at its meeting of 5 November 2024 and formally resolved recommendations to Council for the appointment of two independent member to the Committee.

Based on the skills and experience of the interviewed candidates, the Review and Selection Committee Unanimously resolved:

That Review and Selection Committee recommend Council:

1. *Appoint Paula Davies as independent member of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee for a term of three years commencing on 1 December 2024 and concluding on 30 November 2027.*
2. *Appoint Melissa Oors-L'Estrange as independent member of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee for a term of two years commencing on 1 December 2024 and concluding on 30 November 2026.*

This report seeks to formally resolve the appointments to the Finance Risk and Audit Committee as detailed above.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Nil

