

Title of Report:	Extension of Contract Independent Member on Audit Committee
Committee Report Submitted To:	Audit Committee
Date of Meeting:	18th June 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	YES/NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Improve Service Delivery
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services Audit Risk and Governance Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Approx £1,500 - £3,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	3601
Staffing Costs	Internal staff costs

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Council agreed the appointment of a new Independent Member to the Audit Committee at the June 2023 Audit Committee meeting. This report is seeking the extension of the original appointment.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The successful applicant for the position of Independent Member is Lesley Mitchell. The original offer was for 12-month appointment with possible extension for a further 24 months.
- 2.2 This contract is due to expire on the 10th September, 2025 in advance of the next Audit Committee meeting. To ensure that Council retain a suitably qualified individual in the role, permission is sought to extend Lesley's contract with Council for a further 12 months. This will ensure consistency and expertise knowledge is retained for the Committee.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Audit Committee recommends to Council the extension of the contract for the Independent Member to Audit Committee for a further 12-month period.