



AUDIT & REGULATORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 25 October 2018

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: The Octagon Lounge - Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

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HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Audit & Regulatory Committee

25 October 2018

TITLE:	Appointment of Independent Member
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Thrane - Executive Councillor for Finance and Operational Services
CONTACT OFFICER:	Linden Vernon – Senior Officer – Governance and Member Support
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

Appendices Attached – None

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of an Independent Member to the Committee.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Mr Martin Thomas be appointed as an Independent Member of the Audit and Regulatory Committee:

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 Each year members of the Audit and Regulatory Committee consider a report which reviews the effectiveness of the Committee. Following a self-assessment of Committee Member skills a shortfall in some specialist areas of knowledge was identified. The Committee therefore resolved to consider the appointment of independent members whose skills would be focussed in the areas where a shortfall had been identified.
- 3.2 Subsequent to the review Council resolved that the Committee comprise 9 elected members and 3 (non-voting) independent members. The Committee subsequently appointed Mr Peter Grant and Mrs Cheryl Morgan to two of the independent member positions. This report seeks the appointment of Mr Martin Thomas to the third vacant position.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. **Alternative Options**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the appointment of Mr Thomas to the remaining Independent Member position given that his experience and knowledge matches the technical and generic skills detailed in the Job Description for this position.

Mark Trillo

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Web Links and Background Papers

[Report to Council 11 May 2017](#)

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6. **Detail**

- 6.1 Each year members of the Audit and Regulatory Committee consider a report which reviews the effectiveness of the Committee. During a previous review committee members completed a self-assessment of their individual knowledge and skills. The self-assessment demonstrated that there was a shortfall in some specialist areas of knowledge.
- 6.2 The committee therefore resolved to consider the appointment of independent members whose skills would need to be focussed in the areas where a shortfall had been identified.
- 6.3 At its meeting on 11 May 2017 Council resolved that the Committee comprise 9 elected members and 3 (non-voting) independent members and that delegated responsibility be granted to the Audit and Regulatory Committee to appoint future independent members.
- 6.4 The Committee subsequently appointed Mr Peter Grant and Mrs Cheryl Morgan in February 2018 to two of the independent member positions. This report seeks an appointment to the third vacant position. Following the completion of an application for the remaining position Mr Martin Thomas was interviewed by Councillors Douglas, Sloman and Thrane in July 2018. Mr Thomas' previous employment has included a number of senior financial/audit positions and has extensive experience in treasury management, internal/external audit, financial accounting and pension fund/investment management. Mr Thomas also participates in a number of local community groups and is a Whaley Bridge Town Councillor.
- 6.5 The position will receive an allowance of £395 per annum and the appointee will be able to claim out of pocket expenses.

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Audit & Regulatory Committee

25 October 2018

TITLE:	Appointment of Mayor 2019/20
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Ashton – Leader of the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Linden Vernon – Senior Officer Governance and Member Support
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

Appendices Attached – None

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To consider the selection of the Mayor for the municipal year 2019/20.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That at its meeting on 12 December 2018 Council confirm that the Labour Group be invited to make a nomination for the appointment of Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2019/20.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Mayor is selected according to a points system as referred to in Article 5 of the Constitution and detailed in the Protocol for the Nomination of Mayor.
- 3.2 The system started with the actual number of members in each political group. Since 1980, annual adjustments have been made according to changes in each group's strength. Taking into account the current points position the Labour Group have the most points as at 1 October 2018.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Alternative Options

- 5.1 There are no options to consider. Nomination of the Mayor is in accordance with the points system as referred to in the report.

Mark Trillo
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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

[Article 5 of the Constitution and Protocol for the Nomination of Mayor](#)

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6. Detail

- 6.1 The Mayor is selected according to a points system as referred to in Article 5 of the Constitution and detailed in the Protocol for the Nomination of Mayor.
- 6.2 The basic principle is the political group with most points at 1 October each year, has the opportunity to nominate the Mayor for the next municipal year.
- 6.3 The system started with the actual number of members in each political group. Since 1980, annual adjustments have been made according to changes in each group's strength.
- 6.4 Whenever a group nominate a Mayor, ten points are deducted from their points total and this shows up the following October.
- 6.5 The points system for the selection of the Mayor currently stands as follows:

Group	Points as at 1.10.17	Mayor for 2018/19	Points as at 1.10.18
Conservative	15	X	15-10=5
Labour	14		14
Liberal Democrat & Independent Alliance	11		11

- 6.6 In respect of the Deputy Mayor, the points system does not apply.
- 6.7 In some years, the Deputy Mayor has been chosen with a view to progressing to Mayor the following year, but this is not always the case.