

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Audit & Regulatory Committee

15 June 2022

TITLE:	Appointment of Independent Member
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Alan Barrow - Executive Councillor for Corporate Services and Finance
CONTACT OFFICER:	Linden Vernon – Head of Democratic Services
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 Mrs Hannah Burbidge be appointed as an Independent Member of the Audit and Regulatory Committee.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 The Audit and Regulatory Committee comprises 9 elected members and 3 (non-voting) independent members. Due to the resignation of one of the three independent members it has been necessary to recruit to the vacant position.

3.2 Following interview it is recommended that Mrs Hannah Burbidge be appointed as an Independent member of the Committee.

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 Mrs Burbidge to the vacant Independent Member position given that her experience and knowledge matches the technical and generic skills detailed in the Job Description for this position.

Mark Trillo

Executive Director (Governance and Commissioning)

Web Links and Background Papers

[Report to Committee 1 December 2021](#)

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6. **Detail**

- 6.1 At its meeting on 11 May 2017 Council resolved that the Audit and Regulatory 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.
- 6.2 The Committee subsequently appointed candidates to these positions. Due to a change in personal circumstances Mr Grant resigned from his position with the Council and it was therefore necessary to recruit to the vacant position that had arisen.
- 6.3 The vacancy was advertised via the Council's website and Mrs Hannah Burbidge was subsequently interviewed by the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Audit and Regulatory Committee and the Executive Councillor for Corporate Services and Finance.
- 6.4 Mrs Burbidge is a chartered accountant and qualified project manager employed in a senior role at a large accounting and professional services firm. She is a financial and commercial advisor to public sector clients, managed large teams in the UK and abroad and has experience/knowledge which meet the requirements of the job description in the technical areas of accountancy, internal audit, risk management, governance or legal matters. The position attracts an allowance of £395 per annum and the appointee will be able to claim out of pocket expenses.