

Finance and Resources Committee 24 November 2011

Committee representative at Audit Committee meetings

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

In 2006, the Finance and Resources Committee agreed that one of its members should observe the meetings of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee also agreed that one of its members should observe the meetings of the Finance and Resources Committee.

The intention of the proposed arrangement was to ensure that there was no overlap or conflict between the committees when decisions were taken.

The arrangement worked well and continued under the restructured Council from 2009. It is proposed that the arrangement should continue and that the Committee should nominate a representative to observe meetings of the Audit Committee.

Decision

The Committee is asked to nominate a representative to observe the meetings of the Audit Committee.

Background information

Standing order 20(2) provides that 'The Secretary or any other person advising on the business before a meeting of the Committee (including advising the Chair on issues of order) may attend and, with the consent of the Chair, speak at that meeting.'

On 29 September 2011, the Audit Committee nominated Jeff Lucas, the Chair of the Audit Committee, to continue to observe the meetings of the Finance and Resources Committee.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

Attendance allowance and expenses.

Appendices

None.

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