



WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF A LAY MEMBER TO THE GOVERNANCE & RISK COMMITTEE

REPORT BY GOVERNANCE MANAGER

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the appointment of a lay member to the Governance & Risk Committee

B RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the council appoints the preferred candidate, Robert Armstrong, as lay member of the Governance & Risk Committee

C SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Being honest, open and accountable, making best use of our resources.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	The Scheme of Administration provides for the council to appoint a lay member of the Governance & Risk Committee
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None.
VII Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII Other consultations	None.

D TERMS OF REPORT

The Scheme of Administration provides for the appointment of a lay member to the Governance & Risk Committee. The lay member is a non-voting member of the committee, with a period of appointment of three years. At the end of the three year period, council will be asked to offer to extend the appointment for another three years, or to re-advertise. If necessary, for any reason, the council is able to terminate the

appointment at any time.

The appointment process involved an interview by a panel made up of Councillors Timson and Clark and the Governance Manager. The panel unanimously agreed to recommend to council that Robert Armstrong be appointed. He has had a long career in Scotland and abroad in risk and insurance in the oil, construction and other industries.

E CONCLUSION

The appointment of a lay member to the Audit Committee will enhance the Committee's ability to scrutinise the council's internal control arrangements.

F BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments: None.

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