



17.1 REAPPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBER TO THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: KYLIE BENNETTS, GENERAL MANAGER, CITY GROWTH AND ORGANISATIONAL CAPABILITY

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek the Council's approval to appoint an external member to the City of Port Phillip Audit and Risk Committee.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 External member Ms Kylie Maher was appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee on 17 October 2018 following a competitive recruitment process, for a three-year term that expires on 01 November 2021.
- 2.2 As per the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, at the conclusion of their first term, existing members are eligible to apply to be reappointed at the discretion of Council. Ms Maher has expressed her desire to continue as an external member of the Committee.
- 2.3 Ms Maher is a Certified Practising Accountant and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is the Partner in charge of the Governance and Risk division for a mid-tier global accounting firm and has over 20 years' experience in consulting to government and multinational organisations on governance, risk and assurance. Ms Maher has held roles on many audit and risk committees in Victorian government and brings extensive knowledge of leading risk practices and program delivery assurance and over the last three years has demonstrated a great understanding of the local government audit and risk environment.
- 2.4 Extending Ms Maher's tenure for a further three years enables the retention of corporate knowledge gained during her time on the Committee and continuity in the smooth running of the Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 3.1 Extends Ms Kylie Maher's tenure as an external member of the City of Port Phillip Audit & Risk Committee for an additional three years, commencing 01 November 2021.
- 3.2 Makes public this report following acceptance of the appointment by Ms Kylie Maher.

4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES

- 4.1 Council is required by the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) to establish an audit committee as an advisory committee of Council.
- 4.2 The membership structure of the Audit and Risk Committee is set out in the Committee Charter.
- 4.3 In accordance with the Charter:



- The appointment of external members is the responsibility of Council.
- External members will be appointed for a three-year term.
- At the conclusion of their first term, existing members will be eligible to apply to be reappointed at the discretion of Council.

4.4 The Audit and Risk Committee has been functioning well as a group for a period of time, with all existing members acknowledging Ms Maher fits in well with the other members, has a lot offer, is very personable and well respected, and will continue to add value.

5. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Persons appointed to the Audit & Risk Committee should have relevant experience and meet the professional qualifications of the Charter. Ms. Maher meets these requirements.

6. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

6.1 Strategic Direction 5 – Well Governed

7. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

7.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any material or general interest in the matter, however one officer has acted on several occasions as a professional referee for Ms Maher when she was seeking appointment to the audit and risk committees of other organisations. These professional references were limited to the observations the officer had of Ms Maher in undertaking her duties on Council's Audit Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil