

# ***Report to the Council***

***Date: 31 July 2018***

**Subject:** Audit and Governance Committee 2018/19 – Membership

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## **RECOMMENDING:**

**That an appropriate appointment be made to membership of the Audit and Governance Committee for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year, in place of Councillor A. Patel.**

1. The Council's Constitution (Article 11, Paragraph 8 (Eligibility for Membership - Councillor Members)), provides that councillors appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee may not also be members of any select committee appointed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with responsibility for reviewing the Council's finances or financial procedures. For the purposes of the Council's current Overview and Scrutiny framework, this provision relates directly to the Resources Select Committee.
2. Councillor A. Patel was appointed to membership of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2018/19 at the annual meeting of the Council on 24 May 2018.
3. Membership of the select committees is appointed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the first meeting in each year, as such appointments are reserved to the Committee and not made by the Council at its annual meeting. Councillor Patel was also appointed to membership of the Resources Select Committee by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 4 June 2018. Unfortunately, the Article 11 provision of the Constitution was not appreciated at the time that Councillor Patel's appointment to the Resources Select Committee was made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. Councillor Patel has indicated that he wishes to remain a member (and Chairman) of the Resources Select Committee for 2018/19 and has resigned from membership of the Audit and Governance Committee. It is therefore necessary for a new appointment to be made to the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year, on the nomination of the Conservative Group.