TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Date: 20 February 2019

Report for: Decision

Report of: Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy

Report Title

Appointment of Independent Member of the Accounts and Audit Committee

Summary

Part three of the Council's Constitution states that Membership of the Accounts and Audit Committee comprises 7 Members. A non-voting member, with appropriate skills and experience, may be co-opted on to the Committee with the approval of the Council. This report recommends such an appointment.

Recommendation(s)

That Jeannie Platt is co-opted to be a Member of the Council's Accounts and Audit Committee with effect from 1st March 2019 until the Annual Meeting in 2023.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Peter Forrester

Extension: 1815

Background Papers: None

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	None
Financial	The independent Member will be entitled to an allowance of £1,170 per annum which will be met from the Members Allowances budget.
Legal Implications:	Part three of the Council's Constitution states that Membership of the Accounts and Audit Committee comprises 7 Members. A non-voting member, with appropriate skills and experience, may be coopted on to the Committee with the approval of the Council.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None
Sustainability Implications	None
Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets	None
Risk Management Implications	None

Health & Wellbeing Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

1. Background

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A recruitment exercise was carried out in the autumn and candidates were interviewed by the Chair and Officers. They would recommend that Ms Jeannie Platt be appointed to the role. Ms Platt has the necessary experience and skills to fulfil the role.

This report recommends that Jeannie Platt be appointed from 1st March 2019. The appointment will be for a period of four years (finishing in May 2023) and will be reaffirmed at the Annual Meeting each year.