

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Appointment of Independent Member For Information</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	Improve Service Delivery
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services/Audit Risk and Governance Officer

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	£1,000 plus travel expenses
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. <b>N/A</b>		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

## **1.1 Summary**

Council agreed the appointment of a new Independent Member to the Audit Committee at the March meeting. The advertisement appeared in the Belfast Telegraph and Coleraine Chronicle week ending 5<sup>th</sup> July, with a closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## **1.2 Progress update**

Seven application forms were requested.  
Five applications were returned.  
Five applicants were shortlisted and interviewed.

The successful applicant being Lesley Mitchell has been informed and will attend Committee's September meeting.

## **1.3 Background**

Lesley Mitchell is a fully qualified accountant with over 30 years post qualification experience. She worked in the health service for 32 years of which 18 years was in the role of Finance Director in the Foyle Health and Social Services Trust and latterly the Western Health and Social Care Trust. Lesley retired from the health service in 2019 and is currently working as an Audit Committee member for the NI Commissioner for Children and Young People.