



East Cambridgeshire District Council

Agenda item 4b

Minutes of a Meeting of the Audit Committee held at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE at 7:22pm on Thursday 25th May 2023

PRESENT

Cllr David Brown
Cllr Charlotte Cane
Cllr Keith Horgan
Cllr Kelli Pettitt
Cllr Christine Whelan

OFFICERS

John Hill – Chief Executive
Sally Bonnett – Director Community
Maggie Camp – Director Legal Services
Isabel Edgar – Director Operations
Emma Grima – Director Commercial
Ian Smith – Director Finance
Tracy Couper – Democratic Services Manager
Caroline Evans – Senior Democratic Services Officer

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

Cllr David Brown was nominated as the Committee Chairman by Cllr Kelli Pettitt and seconded by Cllr Keith Horgan.

Cllr Charlotte Cane raised a Point of Order, regarding a potential conflict of interest in appointing the outgoing Chairman of the Finance & Assets Committee as the new Chairman of the Audit Committee. In particular, she referred to the fact that the signing off of the 2021/22 accounts had been delegated to the Audit Committee Chairman, and the Audit Committee would be reviewing the 2022/23 accounts at a future meeting: Cllr Brown had chaired the Finance & Assets Committee throughout both those years.

7:24 – 7:30pm The meeting was adjourned while the Monitoring Officer, Deputy Monitoring Officer, and Director Finance left the Council Chamber.

The Monitoring Officer advised Members that, having reviewed the Constitution, there was no prohibition to Cllr Brown being a member of the Audit Committee now that he was no longer a member of the Finance & Assets Committee. As a member of the Audit Committee he was eligible to stand as the Chairman.

There being no other nominations, it was resolved:

That Cllr David Brown be elected as Chairman of the Audit Committee for the municipal year 2023/24.

2. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR

Cllr Kelli Pettitt was nominated as the Committee Vice-Chairman by Cllr David Brown and seconded by Cllr Keith Horgan.

There being no other nominations, it was resolved:

That Cllr Kelli Pettitt be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee for the municipal year 2023/24.

The meeting concluded at 7:32pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....