

Meeting Date: Tuesday 12 December 2023
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and Online
Time: 6.00pm

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Report prepared by: Manager - Business Assurance and Governance
File No.: GRP/23/13 - BP23/796

REPORT SUMMARY

Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) is comprised of three independent members and two Councillors. Council seeks to appoint an independent member to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee.

This report advises Council of the results of the recent recruitment process undertaken for the position of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Independent Member and notes the appointment of **Mr Carl Millington** as an independent member.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the recent appointment of Carl Millington to the position of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Independent Member.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Chief Executive Officer

ITEM 16 (continued)**Discussion**

In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, (item 3.2.6) a casual vacancy has been created by Dr Sheridan Dudley when promoted to the ARIC chair position in September 2023. As such, her independent member position was vacated.

Accordingly, an Expression of Interest process to fill the casual vacancy was advertised to public, merit assessed and was finalised on 11 December 2023.

As a result of this process, it is recommended that Council note the appointment of **Mr Carl Millington** to the position of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Independent Member.

Mr Millington's professional qualifications include:-

- Prequalified under the NSW Government Audit and Risk Committee Independent Chairs and Members Scheme
- Registered Company Auditor (No. 2980)
- Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (No 24747)
- Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia
- Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Bachelor of Accounting (ICAA)
- Graduate Certificate, Innovation & Entrepreneurship (University of Adelaide)
- Certificated Business Planner
- Registered Auditor under Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

Relevant Experience:-

- Current chair of Central Coast Council ARIC
- Current chair of Randwick City Council ARIC
- Current independent member of Woollahra Municipal Council ARIC
- Current independent member of Penrith City Council ARIC
- Former member of Fairfield City Council Audit Committee
- Conducted investigations of council activities/operations on behalf of and reporting to ICAC
- Audited Council compliance with the Best Practice Guidelines relating to water and sewer operations
- Over 40 years auditing NSW Councils
- Fellow of the Local Government Auditors' Association of NSW until its deregistration in 2023

ITEM 16 (continued)**Financial Implications**

The cost of engaging an independent member is approximately \$4,500 (ex GST) per annum dependent upon the number of meetings. An allowance has been made within the base budget to meet these costs.