



14.4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE CHAIR 2021

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: KYLIE BENNETTS, GENERAL MANAGER, CITY GROWTH AND ORGANISATIONAL CAPABILITY

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1. PURPOSE

1.1 To appoint a Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee for 2021

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 Council is required by the Local Government Act 2020 to establish an Audit and Risk Committee as an advisory committee of the Council.

2.2 Each calendar year the Council appoints one of the three external members of the Committee as Chairperson.

2.3 The most recent meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee was held on 17 December 2020 where the Committee considered the matter of Chairperson.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

3.1 Appoints Mr Brian Densem to the position of Chairperson of the City of Port Phillip Audit and Risk Committee for 2021.

4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES

4.1 The membership structure of the Committee as set out in the Charter is as follows:

The Council will appoint as members of the Committee:

- The Mayor and one other Councillor; and
- Three (3) independent members, one of whom will be appointed by Council as Chair of the Committee.

4.2 The Audit and Risk Committee considered the matter of Chairperson for 2021 at its 17 December 2020 meeting resulting in only one nominee.

4.3 The Committee unanimously endorsed Brian Densem as their nomination. Council is requested to approve Brian Densem as Chairperson of the Committee for 2020.

4.4 Mr Densem has been a member of the Audit & Risk Committee since 2011 being reappointed as an external member by Council in 2019 and was first appointed as Chairperson for the 2020 year. Mr Densem is a Certified Practising Accountant, a Professional Fellow of the Institute of Internal Auditors and is Chief of Audit at a leading Australian mutual company. He has extensive knowledge of internal audit, risk management and compliance, and exposure to numerous industries, with a primary focus on financial services. Mr Densem is a member of two other local government Audit & Risk Committees, a member of a water catchment authority Audit and Risk Committee and a Board member of a community health service which includes roles on the Audit and Risk and Finance Committees.

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5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 The permanent members of the Audit and Risk Committee nominate the Chairperson for the following calendar year annually at the final meeting of the calendar year.

6. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

- 6.1 Our commitment to you through improving community engagement, advocacy, transparency and governance.

7. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

- 7.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil