Full Council – 16 November 2026

Agenda Item 5 – Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Standing Order 30(g) states that, if necessary, Full Council is required to agree appointments to committees and outside bodies. In addition to the changes listed Council is being asked to confirm the extension and reappointment of the Independent Chair on the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and Pension Board.

Such appointments are set out below:

Committee Membership

(1) Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Manoj Mishra to replace Councillor Chowdhury as one of the Conservative Groups full members on the Committee with Councillor Chowdhury to replace Councillor Mishra as a substitute member on the Committee.

(2) Councillor Johnson to replace Councillor Dixon as a full member of the Senior Staff Appointments Committee.

Members are asked to note that this appointment will be subject to confirmation by the General Purposes Sub Committee on 7 December 2026.

(3) Scrutiny Committee - Vice Chair positions

To consider nominations received in relation to the following positions. *(Members are asked to note that nominations will be considered in the order they are received. Each nomination will be put to the vote with the final appointment to be agreed on*

the basis of a simple majority of votes being achieved. If a straightforward majority of votes is not achieved, then the next nomination will be put to the vote and this will continue until an appointment is made)

(a) Vice Chair of the Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee – nominations received to date have been in the following order:

(i) Councillor Alexandre

(b) Vice Chair of the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee – nominations received to date have been in the following order:

(i) Councillor Mitchell

(c) Vice Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Committee – – nominations received to date have been in the following order:

(i) Councillor Georgiou

Should any further nominations be received either in advance or during the meeting these will be dealt with in accordance with the process outlined above.

<u>Outside Bodies</u>

(1) i4B and First Wave Housing Ltd

Councillor Burn to replace Councillor Donnelly Jackson as the as the Councils full member representative on both bodies.

Please note: If required, any further membership changes to be notified either in advance or at the meeting.

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Independent Chair Audit & Standards Advisory Committee & Pension Board

Full Council's agreement is being sought to extend the appointment of David Ewart as Independent Chair of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee for a period until the end of the current Municipal Year on 19 May 2027. This is to enable completion of the recruitment process currently being undertaken to fill the position on a permanent basis.

Whilst stepping down from his role as Independent Chair on the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee David Ewart will be continuing in his role as Independent Chair on Brent Pensions Board so approval is also being sought to his reappointment in that role for a further 2 year period.

The Council has a long-standing arrangement for its Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and Pension Board to be chaired independently to enhance the governance arrangements on those bodies. These arrangements are considered to operate effectively, with the position of Independent Chair on both bodies currently filled by David Ewart. Members of both the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and of the Pensions Board are content that the current independent chair has fulfilled the respective role effectively, as are senior officers.

As the term of office for the Independent Chair's current appointment on both bodies is due to expire on 31 December 2026 it is recommended that

(a) David Ewart's appointment as Independent Chair on the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee is extended until the end of the current Municipal Year to 19 May 2027 pending completion of the recruitment process to fill the position on a permanent basis.

(b) David Ewart's is reappointed as Independent Chair on the Pension Board from the expiry of his current term on 31 December 2026 for a further 2 year period to expire on 31 December 2028.

As these are not decision-making meetings there are no significant conflicts in appointing the same person to chair each body with the appointments also providing an opportunity to ensure continuity in terms of the operation of both bodies in advance of the current arrangements coming to an end.

Full Council is therefore asked:

(1) To approve extending David Ewart's appointment as Independent Chair on the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee until the end of the current Municipal Year to 19 May 2027, pending completion of the recruitment process to fill the position on a permanent basis.

(2) To approve the reappointment of David Ewart as Independent Chair on the Pension Board from the expiry of his current term on 31 December 2026 for a further 2 year period to expire on 31 December 2028.