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| Title of Report | Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair and Members to Audit and Assurance Committee |
| Public | Public |
| Summary/purpose of report | For approval of appointments to Audit and Assurance Committee |
| Recommendations | <p>The Council is asked to approve the appointment of Lindsay MacDonald as Chair and Rona King as Vice chair of the Audit and Assurance Committee as of 1 October 2024.</p> <p>The Council is asked to note that the Convener will appoint three Members to the Audit and Assurance Committee to fill the vacant posts.</p> |
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| Responsible Officer | Sandra Campbell, Convener |
| Link to Strategic Plan | <p>The information in this report links to:</p> <p>Outcome 1: Trusted People who use services are protected by a workforce that is fit to practise.</p> <p>Outcome 2: Skilled Our work supports the workforce to deliver high standards of professional practice.</p> <p>Outcome 3: Confident Our work enhances the confidence, competence and wellbeing of the workforce.</p> <p>Outcome 4: Valued The social work, social care and children and young people workforce is valued for the difference it makes to people's lives.</p> |
| Link to Risk Register | Risk 3: We fail to meet corporate governance, external scrutiny and legal obligations. |

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| Impact Assessment | An Impact Assessment (IA) was not required. |
| Documents attached | None |
| Background papers | Report (41/2023) |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Executive Framework between the Scottish Government and the SSSC requires us to have an Audit Committee chaired by a non-executive Member. The SSSC Code of Governance details the function of the Audit and Assurance Committee to include advising on strategic processes for risk, internal control environment, governance, anti-fraud, financial probity and audit.
2. Council approved the appointment of Peter Murray and Lindsay MacDonald as Chair and Vice chair (Report 41/2023) as of 1 September 2024. As Peter Murray has now been appointed as Interim Convener as detailed in Report 28/2024 before this Council as of 1 October 2024, he can no longer hold the position of Chair and Council should appoint a replacement. Section 71 of the SSSC Code of Corporate ("the Code") states that the Council appoints the Committee Chair.
3. The Code also sets the quorum requirements for the Committee and this report asks Council to note that the Convener will appoint Members to fulfil the membership requirements of the Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

4. Lindsay MacDonald was appointed Vice chair in November 2023 to take up the role in September 2024 when Theresa Allison leaves. The Convener proposes that he is appointed to the role of Chair, having shadowed the Vice chair role since November 2023, as of 1 October 2024.
5. The Convener proposes that Rona King is appointed as Vice chair as of 1 October 2024. She has been a member of the SSSC since September 2019 and Audit and Assurance Committee since 29 October 2019.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6. We have three vacancies on the Committee with the departure of Alan Baird and Theresa Allison from 31 August 2024 and Peter Murray from 30 September 2024. The Convener will appoint replacements and inform Council in due course.

CONSULTATION

7. This is an internal governance matter and we did not carry out any consultation.

RISKS

8. We have an averse risk appetite towards governance matters. There are no risks arising from this report.

IMPLICATIONS

Resourcing

9. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Compliance

10. The recommendations in this report comply with governance requirements.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

11. An Impact Assessment is not necessary as this report relates to internal governance matters.

CONCLUSION

12. This report asks Council to appoint a Chair and Vice chair and note that the Convener will appoint Members to the Audit and Assurance Committee.