To the Lord Mayor and   Report No. 310/2019
Members of Dublin City Council   Report of the Chief Executive

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Nomination of External Members to the Dublin City Council Audit Committee.

The City Council, at the request of the Corporate Policy Group, decided at the September meeting to defer consideration of my Report No. 232/2019 dealing with the nomination of external members to the Audit Committee.

Section 59 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 which replaced section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 in relation to audit committees, requires a local authority to establish an Audit Committee following Local Elections. The Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 244 of 2014) provide that Dublin City Council's Audit Committee should consist of 7 members and include not less than 4 external members, not more than 3 serving or retired elected members and include three or more persons having knowledge or experience in finance, audit or accounting.

The regulations further provide that nominations for appointment to an Audit Committee shall be made by the Corporate Policy Group to the Local Authority following consultation with the Chief Executive. The appointment of members of an audit committee is a reserved function of the Local Authority. At its meeting of 1st July 2019, Dublin City Council approved the nomination of Councillors Naoise O Muiri, Nial Ring and Mary Fitzpatrick to its Audit Committee. Nominations were then sought for external membership of the Audit Committee.

The Corporate Policy Group considered the matter on Friday the 27th September 2019. Following this consultation it is recommended that Dublin City Council formally ratifies the establishment of an Audit Committee, approves the councillor membership, as agreed on the 1st July 2019 and that the following nominees be appointed as external members of the Dublin City Audit Committee:

- Johnny McElhinney, nominated by the Docklands Business Forum
- Nathy Walsh, nominated by the Institute of Public Administration
- Prof. Diarmuid Hegarty, nominated by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Ms. Louise Ryan, nominated by Trinity College Dublin.

Owen P Keegan
Chief Executive   **30th September 2019**