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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Panel's selection of a new member.
- It is recommended that Council approve the appointment of Mr Christopher Davies to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and thank the outgoing member, Mr Andrew Hanigan for his significant contribution to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee during his tenure.

**REPORT**

Council's external Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee members are appointed for a four (4) year term, with a staggered replacement program of each member.

The rotation of members is in line with best practice principles and supports the oversight of ongoing matters; ensures the continuity of the internal audit function and aids in maintaining the independence of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

The appointment of external members to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is important in the ongoing culture of policy compliance, business improvement practices and good governance. The Committee provides an assurance role that promotes the need for accountability.

Council called for Expressions of Interest for an independent member to fill a vacancy. Applications were accepted up until 5 February 2018. A total of six (6) strong and competitive submissions were received.

A preliminary assessment of applications was undertaken by a panel comprising of:

- Executive Director Community & Corporate
- Director Infrastructure & Environment
- Chief Financial Officer

A short-list was determined and interviews held. Each of the interviewed applicants were assessed against predetermined criteria with panel members unanimously agreeing on Mr Christopher Davies as the preferred applicant.

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Mr Davies experience includes:

- Principal Practice Lead - Oakton: Internal Audit, Risk and Probity
- Manager Internal Audit: University of Newcastle
- Managed all Oakton activities with the Queanbeyan - Palerang Regional Council
- Member of Albury City Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
- Conducting Internal Audits, Risk Management, Governance Investigations Assurance and Probity Projects with Local Government Organisations.

Mr Davies experience in Audit, Risk and Improvement along with his understanding of Governance will support and enhance the functions of the current Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

**CONSULTATION**

Expressions of interest were assessed by a panel of Executive and Management.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding adopted within the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee budget allocation is available.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Mr Christopher Davies be appointed to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a four (4) year term.
2. That Council thank Mr Andrew Hanigan for his significant contribution to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee during his tenure.