

**REPORT FOR: GOVERNANCE, AUDIT &
RISK MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting: 26 June 2012

Subject: Committee Lead Member Update

Responsible Officer: Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive

Exempt: No

Enclosures: Appendix: Current Lead Members of the Committee

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the current position regarding the GARMC Lead Member volunteers and seeks guidance on the future approach.

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to consider whether to continue the current practice of nominated Lead Members for specific areas of responsibility and if so, seek volunteers for the vacant positions set out in the appendix.

Section 2 – Report

Background

- 2.1 The current arrangements for GARMC Lead Members have developed over a number of years in response to the Committee's expanding Terms Of Reference, which encompasses monitoring and assurance roles over a diverse range of specialist risk-based services.
- 2.2 The Lead Member role was developed to work more closely with officers within those specialist areas, to facilitate more a detailed awareness of the issues than the Committee as a whole could realistically be expected to maintain.
- 2.3 Typically the Lead Member would be consulted on draft reports relating to their specialist area prior to committee reporting and would have the opportunity to meet officers to ask detailed questions at any point in the calendar.
- 2.4 One meeting during the year has an agenda item where Lead Members have the opportunity to report to the Committee on key issues affecting their particular area.
- 2.5 The role was incorporated into the Committee's Terms of Reference at a previous review and since this is the first meeting of the Committee with a new Chair and several new Members, it is considered timely to review the position alongside the review of the Terms of Reference, which is elsewhere on this agenda.
- 2.6 The attached appendix sets out the current position and the Committee is requested to consider whether to continue the current practice of nominated Lead Members for specific areas of responsibility and if so, seek volunteers for the vacant positions set out in the appendix.

Financial Implications

- 2.7 There are no financial implications of appointing Lead Members

Risk Management Implications

- 2.8 The purpose of appointing Lead Members is to facilitate a more detailed understanding and assurance of how risks are managed within the specialists areas for the benefit of the Council as a whole.

Equalities implications

- 2.9 There are no equalities implications of appointing Lead Members, which is a voluntary role.

Corporate Priorities

- 2.10 The management of risks across the authority supports all services to deliver their outcomes and meet the corporate priorities.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 11 June 2012		
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Background Papers: None

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