
Nomination of External Members to the Dublin City Council 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 3 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 2nd July, 2024, Dublin City Council approved the nomination of Councillors Naoise O Muiri, Nial Ring and Daryl Barron to its Audit Committee. Nominations were then sought for external membership of the Audit Committee. The following nominations were received:

- Dionne McSherry, nominated by the Institute of Public Administration
- Prof. Diarmuid Hegarty, nominated by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- David O'Shea, nominated by Trinity College Dublin
- Edel Flynn, nominated by XDanu The Space Experience Company

The Corporate Policy Group considered the matter on Friday the 25th October, 2024. 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 2nd July 2024 and that the above nominees be appointed as external members of the Dublin City Audit Committee.

Richard Shakespeare
Chief Executive

25th October 2024