



Council
1 May 2014
Chair's Report – appointments

Classification	Public
Purpose	For decision
Issue	To obtain approval from Council for the appointment of an Investigating Committee Panel Chair
Recommendation	To appoint Jacqueline Pratt as a Panel Chair for the Investigating Committee
Financial and resourcing implications	None
Equality and diversity implications	None
Communications implications	None
Annexes	None
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Investigating Committee Panel Chairs

1. In April 2013 Fionnuala Cook stood down from the Investigating Committee, having served eight years, leaving a vacancy for an Investigating Committee Panel Chair. The role of a panel chair is to deputise for the Chair in their absence.
2. The Chair of Council asked the Chair of the Investigating Committee to reflect on the performance of the lay members of the Committee and to recommend a member to serve as a panel chair. Having received his recommendation, the Chair of Council in turn recommended the appointment to Council who confirmed it at their October 2013 meeting.
3. Subsequent to this appointment, members of the Investigating Committee asked that the opportunity to apply for the position of panel chair to be reopened to allow for further applications. In response we sought expressions of interest from Investigating Committee members who wish to become panel chairs against the competencies required for chairs. The Chair of Council interviewed the applicants and also sought the views of the Chair of the Investigating Committee before making any further recommendation for appointments to Council for approval.
4. This process was completed in March and it is recommended that Jacqueline Pratt is appointed as a panel chair of the Investigating Committee. The appointment will be for the duration of her term as an Investigating Committee member.

Recommendation: to appoint Jacqueline Pratt as a Panel Chair for the Investigating Committee.