

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF AUDIT & RISK
COMMITTEE

MINUTE of MEETINGS of the SELECTION
COMMITTEE held in the Council
Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells on 13,
22 and 23 October 2015.

Present:- Councillors M. Ballantyne (Chairman), G. Garvie, J. Mitchell, A Nicol.
In Attendance:- Chief Officer Audit and Risk

PRIVATE BUSINESS

1. **DECISION**

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

External Members of the Audit and Risk Committee

2. The Selection Committee considered the applications received for the two posts of External Member of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee in order to shortlist for interview. The Committee considered which of the ten applicants should be interviewed. Following consideration the Selection Committee agreed that seven candidates be interviewed on Thursday, 22 October and Friday 23 October 2015.

The Selection Committee Reconvened Thursday, 22 October 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

3. The Selection Committee interviewed five of the applicants. It was noted that one applicant had withdrawn.

The Selection Committee Reconvened on Friday, 23 October 2015 at 2.30 p.m.

4. The Selection Committee interviewed the remaining applicant. Following consideration of those who had been interviewed and the existing external member, who had served as an external member of the Audit and Risk Committee for 3 years and had expressed an interest in being considered for reappointment, the Committee agreed that in light of the high calibre of the candidates interviewed they wished to appoint three external members to the Audit and Risk Committee for the period to 31 October 2018. It was further agreed that a recommendation be made to Council asking that the Council's Scheme of Administration be amended to allow the constitution of the Audit and Risk Committee to include 3 non-voting members appointed from an external source.