For decision

Title: **Election of Audit and Risk Chair**

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Purpose

In accordance with the Standing Orders, the Board previously agreed an election timetable in June 2026. Subsequently, the Board agreed by correspondence to defer the election process. This paper now brings forward a revised timetable for approval.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

a) Agree the revised election timetable for the Audit and Risk Chair.

Background Information

1. The election will follow the process set out in Standing Orders, which replicates the process adopted by the Board for elections between April and June 2026 of the Board Convener and for a number of elected Committee Chair roles. These elections were held electronically, avoiding the need to schedule the election at the time of a meeting and enabled all members to participate in the vote irrespective of their ability to be present on a specific date, while retaining full anonymity of votes cast. The processes adopted have been effective with no feedback received suggesting any alteration or improvement required.

2. This paper takes forward these matters.

Election of Committee Chairs

3. As noted in the Standing Orders the Committee Chair elections are undertaken as follows:
   a) " Committee Chairs shall be elected by the full Board using the voting procedures set out in these Standing Orders for the election of the Board Convener. Committee Chairs so elected shall be a member of the Committee in terms of that Committee's terms of reference. Any subsequent requirement for review of the membership of the Committee in question shall be

undertaken by the Convener and the Governance Committee. The Deputy Chair of Committees shall be appointed by each Committee from among the membership of the Committee agreed by the Board."

4. Election of the Audit and Risk Committee Chair will commence with an invite for nominations, in accordance with section 4a of Standing Orders, on Monday 25 January 2027. The election process will follow the following timetable:
    - Monday 25 January invite for nominations and seconds issued.
    - Monday 8 February period for nominations and seconds closed.
    - Monday 8 February list of valid nominations issued to board
    - Tuesday 9 February in event of two or more candidates, supporting statements issued.
    - Wednesday 10 February electronic ballot opened.
    - Friday 12 February electronic ballot closed at 3.00pm.
    - Friday 12 February result of electronic ballot announced.

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