



## For decision

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

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### Purpose

This paper notifies the board that the Deputy Convener's term will come to an end 07 September 2026, and the term of the Audit and Risk Chair will conclude on 31 October 2026. In accordance with the Standing Orders, timetables for all elections must be established at least two months prior to the expiry of appointments. This paper fulfils that requirement.

### Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a) Agree election timetable for the Deputy Board Convener and 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 Board Deputy Convener

3. The elections will be held firstly for the Deputy Board Convener, and secondly for the Audit and Risk Chair, with the successful candidates taking up appointment following the conclusion of the current terms on 08 September 2026 and 01 November 2026, respectively.



4. A proposed election timetable is set out below.

### **Election of Committee Chairs**

5. 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."
6. The election of Committee Chairs shall follow after the election of the Deputy Convener in the following order:
  - Audit and Risk Committee Chair
7. Election of Deputy Board Convener will commence with an invite for nominations, in accordance with section 4a of Standing Orders, on Monday 20 July 2026. The election process will follow the following timetable:
  - Monday 20 July invite for nominations and seconds issued.
  - Monday 03 August period for nominations and seconds closed.
  - Monday 03 August list of valid nominations issued to board.
  - Tuesday 04 August in event of two or more candidates, supporting statements issued.
  - Wednesday 05 August electronic ballot opened.
  - Friday 07 August electronic ballot closed at 3.00pm.
  - Friday 07 August result of electronic ballot announced.
8. 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 02 November 2026. The election process will follow the following timetable:
  - Monday 02 November invite for nominations and seconds issued.
  - Monday 16 November period for nominations and seconds closed.
  - Monday 16 November list of valid nominations issued to board



- Tuesday 17 November in event of two or more candidates, supporting statements issued.
  - Wednesday 18 November electronic ballot opened.
  - Friday 20 November electronic ballot closed at 3.00pm.
  - Friday 20 November result of electronic ballot announced.
9. The election timetable for Chair of Audit and Risk Committee has been established in recognition that the appointment of a new board member will not take effect until 1 November and therefore to ensure that the election process is inclusive of the full board.
10. In the event that the Deputy Board Convener or Audit and Risk Chair election has a single candidate from the nomination process, the above timetables may be moved forward to utilise days no longer required for circulation of supporting statements and electronic ballots.

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