

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

27 September 2012

## RESIGNATION OF HENRY CRONIN FROM THE COMMITTEE

## Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the resignation of Henry Cronin from the Committee and to recommend that no action be taken, prior to the County Council elections in May 2013, to fill the resultant casual vacancy.

**2.0 RESIGNATION**

- 2.1 Henry Cronin has resigned from 1 of the 3 positions of External Member on this Committee. The text of his resignation is appended. Had Henry Cronin not resigned, his term of appointment would have concluded on 2 May 2014.

**3.0 RESULTANT CASUAL VACANCY**

- 3.1 Previously it has taken approximately 4 months to recruit and appoint External Members to serve on this Committee.
- 3.2 If recruitment started immediately, to fill the casual vacancy which has resulted from Henry Cronin's resignation, it is likely that an appointment would be made at the County Council meeting on 20 February 2013. However, the term of that appointment would be relatively short, ie 15 months, to coincide with the end of the term of appointment of James Daghish and David Portlock.
- 3.3 Immediately after the County Council elections on 2 May 2013, each County Council committee, whose membership includes External/Co-opted Members, is scheduled to consider how many of such seats there should be on that Committee in future. This Committee is due, in June 2013, to consider how many External Members there should be on this Committee for the period from 3 May 2014. Subsequently, between June 2013 and May 2014, a recruitment and appointment process will be undertaken to fill that number of seats.
- 3.4 In the circumstances, it is suggested that no action should be taken, prior to the County Council elections on 2 May 2013, to fill the casual vacancy resulting from Henry Cronin's resignation.

**4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That Henry Cronin's resignation from this Committee be noted.
- (b) That no action be taken, prior to the County Council elections in May 2013, to fill the casual vacancy resulting from Henry Cronin's resignation.

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Background Documents: None

## APPENDIX

### **Text of email from Henry Cronin to the Chairman of Audit Committee and the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) dated 10 September 2012**

Dear Patrick and Carol,

I am writing to tender my resignation as an independent member on the NYCC Audit Committee.

My reason is that due to other commitments I am unable to attend the next two audit committee meetings. Up to now I have been able to juggle meetings in order to attend but unfortunately for the next two meetings I am unable to do this, on top of missing the last formal meeting held in May. Therefore I feel unable to make a contribution required to be an effective member.

I very much enjoyed being part of the work of the audit committee and wish you all the best in taking forward its work.

Thank you very much for your support and help whilst a member.

Yours sincerely,  
Henry Cronin