

<b>To:</b>	Legal Services Board		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	25 April 2019	<b>Item:</b>	Paper (19) 22

<b>Title:</b>	Committee Membership - Member of ARAC		
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<b>Status:</b>	Official		

**Summary:**

The LSB's Scheme of Delegations reserves appointments to Board Committees to the Board. With former Chair Terry Babbs' term of office ending on 31 March 2019, and Catharine Seddon's subsequent appointment as Chair of ARAC, the Board is asked to consider approving the appointment of a new member of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC).

**Recommendation:**

The Board is invited to **approve** the appointment of Catherine Brown to serve as a member of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee with effect from 1 May 2019. The new Chair of ARAC and the Chair of the Board consider this to be an appropriate appointment on the basis of Catherine's skills and experience.

**Risks and mitigations**

**Financial:** N/A

**Legal:** N/A

**Reputational:** N/A

**Resource:** N/A

Consultation	Yes	No	Who / why?
<b>Board Members:</b>	✓		The member in question is aware of the proposal. Helen Phillips, Chair of the Board, endorses the proposal put to the Board.
<b>Consumer Panel:</b>		✓	
<b>Others:</b>	N/A		

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Fol)**

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		N/A

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### Committee Memberships

#### Introduction

1. Schedule 1, paragraph 20(3) of the Legal Services Act 2007 stipulates that only members of the Board may be members of a committee or sub-committee, and paragraph 20(4) goes on to state that a majority of the members of a committee or sub-committee must be lay persons.

#### Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC)

2. Current ARAC Members:
  - a. Catharine Seddon Chair
  - b. Marina Gibbs Member
  - c. Michael Smyth Member
  - d. Vacancy
3. The Board is asked to **approve** the appointment of **Catherine Brown** to serve as a member of ARAC with effect from 1 May 2019 on the basis of Catherine's skills and experience – Catherine's biography is attached at the annex.

## **Annex**

### **Catherine Brown**

Catherine is an experienced non-executive and chief executive who has worked in the public and private sectors. She is currently an independent Board Member at the Aneurin Bevan University Hospital Board, where she also chairs the Audit Committee. Catherine is also a member of the Wellcome Trust Advisory Board on Diversity & Inclusion in Science, and of Airport Coordination Ltd, an independent slot coordination company with regulatory responsibilities.

Her previous non-executive roles have included Independent Trustee of Cymorth Cymru, Trustee of the Whitehall and Industry Group (and member of the Audit and Risk Committee) and Equal Opportunities Commissioner. In terms of executive roles, Catherine was Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency between 2012 and 2017, Chief Executive of the Animal Health & Veterinary Laboratories Agency between 2011 and 2012, where she had previously been Chief Executive Officer (2008 to 2011) and Chief Operating Officer (2007 to 2008). Prior to this, Catherine held roles in BUPA (1997 to 2007).

Catherine is a CIMA qualified accountant.