

**Health Professions Council**  
**Council 5<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**Introduction**

The Finance and Resources Committee at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July decided to recommend to the Council that members of the Finance and Resources Committee should not be members of the Audit Committee.

The reasoning behind the recommendation was that there needs to be a clear separation between the two Committees.

If the Council agrees with the proposal, then an additional member of the Audit Committee will have to be appointed who is a chartered accountant.

**Decision**

The Council is asked to agree the following:

- Members of the Finance and Resources Committee should not be members of the Audit Committee.
- That the Standing Orders of the Finance and Resources Committee and Audit Committee are amended accordingly.
- That Council members who are not members of the Finance and Resources Committee are asked to nominate themselves to be members of the Audit Committee.

**Background information**

None.

**Resource implications**

Interview time and cost (attendance fees and travel costs) for Interview panel members to attend the respective interviews (one series of interviews for a Chartered Accountant for the Audit Committee, one series of interviews for a Chartered Accountant for the Finance and Resources Committee).

The Interview Panel for both positions is likely to comprise at least the following set of interviewers; a representative from the Commissioner of Public Appointments, Baker Tilly Audit Manager or Forensic Services Senior, Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee.

## **Financial implications**

Additional interview costs (attendance fees and travel costs) for at least the three interviewers outlined above is estimated at £2,500 VAT inclusive for one series (3 applicants say) of interviews.

The additional cost of C.I.B. checks for three interviewees is estimated at £880 VAT inclusive.

## **Background papers**

Refer Items 13 and 15, Finance and Resources Committee Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005

## **Appendices**

None.

## **Date of paper**

20<sup>th</sup> September 2005



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