

**Health Professions Council
Finance & Resources Committee 29th July 2005**

QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT – COMMITTEE MEMBER

Introduction

None of the members of the Committee (or of the Council) is a qualified accountant or a person with substantial financial experience.

In the past Mr Daniel Ross ACA, the Chief Executive of the Royal College of Pathologists, was appointed as a member of the Committee (and of the Audit Committee) both when the HPC was in its “shadow” form and during the first and second transitional periods.

The Chief Executive recommends that a person who is not a member of Council but who has appropriate financial skills is appointed as a member of the Committee (and that a similar appointment is made to the Audit Committee) and that any such appointment should be made as soon as practicable. It is proposed that the appointment should be for the same term as all other Committee appointments, a renewable two year term.

Paragraph 14(1) of Schedule 1 to Health Professions Order 2001 requires the appointment of non-Council members to committees to be undertaken having regard to the guidance issued by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Therefore, as with other, similar, appointments it is recommended that the Commission be invited to participate in the selection process.

Decision

The Committee is asked to agree:

THAT it is recommended to the Council that:

- 1. a person who is a qualified accountant or has substantial financial experience be appointed as a member of the Finance and Resources Committee and that a similar appointment be made to the Audit Committee, such appointments to be for a renewable term of two years.**
- 2. the Executive should begin the process of identifying suitable candidates for appointment as soon as possible so that an appointment can be made by the Council no later than 5th October 2005; and**
- 3. the selection of the person(s) for appointment should be undertaken by a Panel comprising:**
 - the Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee;**
 - a person appointed by the Commissioner for Public Appointments; and**
 - a partner from HPC’s auditors, Baker Tilly.**

Background information

None.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Background papers

None.

Appendices

None.

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