

**Health Professions Council
1 March 2006**

Ratification of New Members on the Audit Committee

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

At its meeting on 6 December 2005, the Council agreed a number of amendments to the process for appointment of members of the Audit Committee.

In accordance with the process an email was sent to all Council members on 13 December 2005 asking them to nominate themselves for the vacancies. A reminder email was sent to Council members on 11 January. Nominations were received from two lay members and two registrant members and, in accordance with the process, the President considered the nominations and supporting statements.

Separately from the process, Mr Richard Kennett was appointed as the Accountant Member of the Committee following an advertisement in The Sunday Times on 2 October 2005 and selection process. Therefore there is one remaining vacancy for a registrant member on the Committee.

The President has recommended that Mr Paul Acres, Professor Tony Hazell, Professor Carol Lloyd and Mr Doug Proctor should be appointed to the Audit Committee.

In accordance with the Council's decision on 5 October 2005 that the membership of the Finance and Resources Committee and the Audit Committee should be separate, Mr Acres has stepped down from the Finance and Resources Committee.

At the Council meeting of 12 July 2005 it was agreed to increase the membership of the Audit Committee to three registrant and three lay members. This agreement was not reflected in the standing orders which were subsequently agreed by Council. The Audit Committee discussed this issue at its meeting held on 18 January and recommended the standing orders should not be changed.

Decision

The Council is asked to ratify the appointments recommended by the President.

The Council is asked to agree that the standing orders of the Audit Committee should remain as agreed by Council in October 2005.

Background information

Process for appointment to the Audit Committee is available from the Secretariat.

The standing orders for the Audit Committee are available on the HPC website.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None

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