

Information about being a lay member of Flintshire's Audit Committee

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 requires the 22 unitary authorities in Wales to each have an Audit Committee and for at least one member of that Audit Committee to be a lay person.

Flintshire County Council has for many years had an Audit Committee. Since 2012 it has consisted of 8 councillors plus 1 lay member. That lay member has made a valuable contribution to the work of the committee and is unable to continue due to work commitments.

The Audit Committee is required by the Local Government Measure to have the following functions:-

- a) To review and scrutinise the authority's financial affairs;
- b) To make reports and recommendations in relation to the authority's financial affairs;
- c) To review and assess the risk management, internal control and corporate governance and anti-fraud and anti-corruption arrangements of the authority;
- d) To make reports and recommendations to the authority on the adequacy and effectiveness of those arrangements;
- e) To oversee the authority's internal/external audit arrangements;
- f) Approve (but not direct) internal audit's strategy, plan and monitor performance
- g) Receive the annual report from the Internal Audit Manager and
- h) To review the financial statements prepared by the authority.

The Audit Committee is supported by the senior officers of the Council who attend to present reports and answer questions from Committee members. In the last year there were 7 meetings of the Audit Committee. The diary of meetings is attached below. The agendas and reports to be considered at the meeting are sent out approximately a week in advance of the meeting. The lay person will be entitled to claim £99 for attending each half day meeting. In the event of the meeting lasting over 4 hours, the payment is £198.

Agendas and reports of previous Audit Committee meetings are available on the Council's website (www.flintshire.gov.uk). The successful applicant will receive induction training and training for all Audit Committee members has been arranged for 19 and 22 May (to be confirmed). The 8 Councillor members of the Committee will be known shortly after the Council's annual meeting on 18 May 2017.

It is intended to hold interviews for the appointment of the lay person on 27 April 2017. Applicants will be informed whether or not they have been successful shortly after this date. When submitting an application, please could you indicate whether or not you will be available to attend an interview on this date.

For a chat about this role please ring Gary Ferguson 01352 702271 or Gareth Owens on 01352 702344.

AUDIT COMMITTEE CYCLE OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Monday, 12 June 2017

To be confirmed at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May:

Wednesday, 27 September 2017

Wednesday, 22 November 2017

Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

Wednesday, 6 June 2018