

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 25 JUNE 2012**

REPORT BY: **DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBER TO THE AUDIT
COMMITTEE**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To inform the Audit Committee of the background to the appointment of a lay member to the committee.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 came into effect in April 2012. It requires that County Councils appoint lay members to their Audit Committees. The number of lay members to be at least one up to a maximum of one third of the membership of the Audit Committee.

2.02 The annual Council meeting on the 15 May 2012 agreed the previous recommendation of the Audit Committee to appoint the statutory minimum of one lay member.

2.03 The legislation requires the Council to take into account any statutory guidance when appointing lay members, that guidance has not yet been published. The Measure also provides that actions taken by the Audit Committee are invalid if its membership does not comply with the legislation. It was therefore decided to proceed to recruit prior to the publication of the statutory guidance in order to enable the Committee to meet and take lawful decisions.

2.04 The recruitment process that was followed is detailed in a report to the County Council meeting of the 19 June 2012 where a candidate will be recommended for appointment. A copy of that report is attached as appendix 1.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The lay member appointed will have received the agenda and reports for this meeting and it is hoped will be able to be in attendance.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 To note the background to the appointment of a lay member to the Audit Committee.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 A fee is payable to the lay member for attendance at committee meetings.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 As indicated in appendix 1.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – County Council report dated 19 June 2012

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

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