

Meeting	THE COUNCIL
Date:	21, June, 2012.
Subject:	Appointments to the Audit Committee.
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1. Following the decision of the Council on the 17th May, 2012 regarding the procedure for appointing a lay member to the Audit Committee, steps were taken to advertise in the press jointly with other two councils, namely Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire Council.
2. The advertisement appeared in the press on the 7th June with a closing date of the 20th June.
3. Due to the tight timetable, it is not possible for the Business Group to consider the applications and present recommendations to the Council on the 21st June. On the other hand the matter cannot wait until the following Council meeting as the Audit Committee has to meet to adopt the final financial statements and the report of the Auditors on them. It is not constitutionally possible for the Committee to meet without a lay member having been elected to it.
4. Under the circumstances the Council is requested to formally delegate powers to the Monitoring Officer to appoint a lay member to the Audit Committee, the powers to be exercised in consultation with the political group leaders and the Head of Finance.
5. This will give the Business Group the opportunity to give full and worthy consideration to the applications and if appropriate, hold interviews before the appointment is confirmed.
6. **RECOMMENDATION.**

The Council is asked to delegate to the Monitoring Officer the powers, in consultation with the leaders of the political groups and the Head of Finance to formally appoint a lay member to serve on the Audit Committee