

Health Professions Council

14 December 2006

RATIFICATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The Audit Committee has agreed by electronic resolution that Baker Tilly should be reappointed as external auditors to the Health Professions Council.

The Audit Committee also agreed that the resolution should be put to Council for ratification under any other business at the Council meeting on 14 December 2006. The reason for the need to expedite the process is that the re-approval needs to be made by February 2007 when preparations for the 2007 audit will commence.

Decision

- (i) The Council is asked to agree that Baker Tilly should be reappointed as external auditors to the HPC for another year.
- (ii) The Council is also asked to agree that the Audit Committee should undertake an annual evaluation of the external auditors. This should take place at the Audit Committee meeting following Council ratification of the annual report and accounts in July of each year, i.e. at the September meeting of the Audit Committee.
- (iii) A recommendation regarding the reappointment will be considered by the Council at the December meeting of Council.

Background information

The Audit Committee will consider a process for the evaluation of the auditors at its next meeting in February 2007. The process will be based on the Smith guidance regarding evaluation of auditors which has recently been finalised.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

None

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