

To Appoint an Internal Auditor

The person appointed to the position of internal auditor at the January meeting is unfortunately not suitably independent of the Council owing to their relationship with a current serving member. Under the circumstances, as the responsible financial officer has not called for the audit procedure to commence due to delays in receiving banking information, an alternative auditor should be appointed.

There were no suggestions from councillors, but the clerk has used an internal auditor, Jean Airey, in another parish for the last two years and her work has proved to be very satisfactory.

The cost will depend upon the amount of work that will need to be undertaken, but is usually between £50 and £75.

The clerk has spoken to her to check her availability and she has said that she would be willing to take on the Ennerdale and Kinniside Audit too.

She was asked to summarise her experience and has stated the following:

“I can advise that I was Town Clerk to Keswick Town Council for 25 years. I subsequently had a small parish of five villages for 3 years.

I am self employed. I audit many large and small Councils in Cumbria.

I have delivered Councillor; Clerk, Finance, General Power of Confidence, Code of Conduct Training for Cumbria Association of Local Councillors for the past 20 years.

I am also on the Assessment Panel for the Local Council Award Scheme.”

The Council must decide if they wish to appoint Jean Airey.