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Dear Mr Scott

### **Change to your Appointed Auditor for 2011/12**

Further to your recent communication with your appointed auditor, Clive Portman, I am writing to you as Director of Audit (Resourcing) for the Audit Commission's Audit Practice to consult you on the appointment of Karen Murray as the appointed auditor to Ribble Valley Borough Council, with responsibility for the audit of your accounts for 2011/12. A summary of Karen's CV is attached, for your information.

I would welcome your comments on this proposal and in particular whether there are any specific reasons why, in your view, it would be inappropriate to appoint Karen as the Council's external auditor. Please let me have your comments by 18 November 2011.

Subject to your comments, the appointment will need to be approved formally by the Commission. The Director of Audit Policy and Regulation will then write to confirm the appointment.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Delyth Morris  
*Director of Audit (Resourcing)*

cc Jane Pearson, Director of Resources  
Karen Murray, District Auditor  
Clive Portman, District Auditor

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## Summary CV: Karen Murray

Karen is a District Auditor based in Bolton. Most recently, she has been the Audit Commission's appointed auditor for many of the local authorities and the Primary Care Trust in Cumbria. She worked with senior officers and members across the County to deliver financial audit and value for money conclusions.

Karen joined the Audit Commission in 1991 through the graduate training scheme and carried out regularity audits and value for money studies in both local government and health in Lancashire before qualifying as a CIPFA accountant in 1995. Since then she has worked across a range of audits in the North West.

She has been the District Auditor for a number of Primary Care Trusts across Greater Manchester and Merseyside and has also worked as an Engagement Lead in the Audit Commission's Trust Practice. This has given her a valuable insight into the issues affecting both commissioners and providers of NHS services.

Karen is also the Head of Quality for the Audit Practice. She is responsible for overseeing the national quality monitoring programme on behalf of the Director of Standards and Technical.