

Person Specification

Audit and Risk Committee – Independent Chairperson

The Independent Chairperson to the Audit and Risk Committee should have the following experience:

- Broad governance experience
- Familiarity with risk management disciplines (identification, assessment and management)
- Understanding of internal control and assurance frameworks
- Understanding of the roles of internal and external audit
- Familiarity with financial reporting and analysis from a risk perspective

It would be beneficial for the chairperson to have experience or understanding of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Skills and Abilities

The Independent Chairperson is appointed on the basis that they can contribute strengths to the skills, knowledge and experience required to achieve the purpose of the Audit and Risk Committee.

It is desirable that the Independent Member possesses the following skills and abilities:

- Experience of audit and risk governance processes
- Functional knowledge in areas such as governance including planning, reporting and oversight, business operations, and health and safety
- A working knowledge of Audit Committee practices and risk management frameworks
- Consciousness of risk and the ability to identify and direct management to manage likely risks including ensuring that appropriate risk strategies are in place, which takes into account the risk appetite of Council
- Intellectual curiosity (inquiring, challenging and testing assumptions)
- A capacity to form independent judgements and a willingness to constructively challenge/question management practices and information
- Ability to focus on the vision, strategic objectives and priorities when supporting or making decisions
- A professional and ethical approach to the conduct of their duties and the capacity to devote the necessary time and effort to the responsibilities as an Independent Member of the Audit and Risk Committee
- In addition, an Independent Chair should possess leadership qualities and the ability to promote effective working relationships and to ensure meeting protocols in accordance with the Local Government Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) are adhered to.
- An ability to recognise, acknowledge and manage potential conflicts of interest as a consequence of their expertise and experience, between the independent member's duties to the committee and his or her other personal or work interests (or the duties and interests of others).