

Independent Person – Person Specification

Category	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
No specific qualifications or background are required		
Knowledge and Skills		
 Good communication and questioning skills Ability to apply critical thinking skills to evaluate evidence in a relevant context Assertive and objective Inquisitive, open-minded and non-judgemental 	Y Y Y Y	V
 General understanding of the principles behind the Members' Code of Conduct Awareness of the background to the introduction of the ethical framework for local government 	Y	Y
Experience		
 An interest in local issues Experience in committee working/weighing evidence and dealing with ethical issues 		Y
An interest in public service and local government in particular	Y	
Live and/or work in, or sufficiently close to, the area	Y	
Competencies		
Impartiality and integrity the public can have confidence in	Y	
Understand and comply with confidentiality requirements	Y	
Able to make a significant contribution to the work of the committee	Y	
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Other requirements

- To formally agree to observe the Code of Conduct for Members including completing a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and a Register of Interests. This register is available to be viewed by members of the public on request but will not be published
- Able to attend scheduled and ad hoc meetings when required, and devote preparation time for each meeting
- Committed to the term of office of 4 years