

Independent Member of the Standards and Ethics Committee - Job Description

JOB PURPOSE

Members of the Standards and Ethics Committee promote and maintain high standards of conduct by councillors and co-opted members of the Council and its Committees.

This includes assisting members to observe the Code of Conduct and relevant protocols, to monitor the operation of the Code, and to advise and train members.

REQUIREMENTS

The Council values the involvement and input of persons who are independent of the Council and local government to provide a non-political perspective on standards matters. The post is non-voting but is expected to play a full role in expressing views and questioning.

Independent members must:

- reside or work in Worcestershire
- be fair and able to take an objective and practical view of sometimes emotive situations
- be able to act with independence and tenacity
- be able to exercise sound judgement, and to consider complex situations
- be able to express their ideas and point of view effectively
- not be an employee, or a Councillor, of any Council
- not be a paid-up member of any political party.

ACTIVITY

The Committee sits between 1 and 4 times a year.

Committee members may also sit (infrequently) to determine whether or not members have breached the Code of Conduct and determine the appropriate response in the event of a breach.

The appointment is unpaid but travel expenses are claimable.