

Advertisement for Appointment of Independent Persons for Audit and Standards Committee

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Could you make a difference to Stroud District Council?

If so, we want to hear from you

The Council is looking for an independent member to join its Audit and Standards Committee - a vital “watchdog” body promoting good governance and accountability.

The role of the Audit and Standards Committee is to oversee the Council’s corporate governance arrangements which include the way the Council manages its financial affairs and risk, financial reporting and internal and external audit processes.

The Audit and Standards Committee currently comprises 9 Councillors, however we would like to further enhance our membership by appointing an independent member. The independent person will not be elected but will be appointed by the Council. The Audit and Standards Committee is currently scheduled to meet 5 times a year to deal with set items of business, however, this is subject to annual review, as well as any additional meetings scheduled as required.

The role is eligible for an annual allowance of £550 and is for a fixed term of 3 years.

There are no formal qualifications for this position, but to be considered, you would ideally be experienced in matters of an audit nature with an awareness of risk management, performance management and financial governance, preferably within a large or public sector organisation. You will be able to demonstrate probity and the highest level of integrity in your conduct.

You will be asked to undertake some training for the role, and may also be invited to attend other events related to the work of the Audit and Standards Committee.

The work will be challenging and innovative but provides a real opportunity for you to make an active contribution to how the Council is run by providing assurance over its governance, risk and internal control environment.

The successful applicant should be inquiring and independent-minded and able to assist the work of the Audit and Standards Committee by applying their personal knowledge and experience of the financial and operational management and internal control of large organisations. The person specification for the role provides more details of what skills and experience the successful candidate might be expected to have.

Applications cannot be considered from anyone:

- who has been a councillor or employee of the Council at any time during the last 5 years;
- with a relative or close friend who is currently an employee or councillor; or
- where any potential conflict of interest would arise such as being involved in a dispute with the Council.

If you feel you have the experience and personal qualities to undertake this role, an application form and information pack can be requested by email on xxxxxxx. If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact [xxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxx)

Assessment will be from the application form, followed by interviews. The final appointment will be made by xxxxxxx

Closing Date: xxxxx

Interviews will be held the week commencing xxxxxx.

The first Audit and Standards Committee meeting after appointment will be on xxxxxx