

CARDIFF COUNCIL VACANCY FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Cardiff Council is seeking to appoint a new independent member to its Standards & Ethics Committee.

If you value local democracy, have a commitment to public service and have the capacity to be independent, objective and strong-minded, then you may be the right person for this role.

The Standards & Ethics Committee performs an important role in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct of elected members of Cardiff Council and the six Community Councils within its area. The Committee is comprised of five Independent members, 1 community councillor and three county councillors. There is a vacancy for one Independent Member due to one member stepping down. Appointments are made for a term of 4 to 6 years, and may be extended for a further 4-year term.

For this role you will need to:

- Have a general interest in ethical issues
- Be of good character,
- Demonstrate a commitment to the Seven Principles of Public Life (the Nolan principles;selflessness;integrity;objectivity;accountability;openness;honesty;leadership)
- Have an understanding of governance in a corporate body
- Have the capacity to be independent, objective and strong minded
- Have no business connection with the Council
- Be able to analyse evidence, issues and problems
- Be able to communicate and contribute effectively in a committee environment
- Be politically independent
- Be able to commit on average 2 to 3 hours each month (which includes evening meetings) to the work of the Committee

The Committee usually meets on a quarterly basis and Independent members are asked to attend other Council and Committee meetings to observe proceedings and familiarise themselves with the work of the Council. Appropriate training will be provided for members to develop the necessary understanding and skills to effectively discharge their role. An allowance of £198 per day / £99 for half a day is paid, and expenses may be claimed for care, travel and subsistence.

If you believe you meet the above requirements and are interested in this role, please email democraticservices@cardiff.gov.uk or telephone 02920 872432 for an application pack.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact: Davina Fiore, Director of Legal and Governance email Davina.Fiore@cardiff.gov.uk or call 02920 873905

Members of ethnic minority communities and disabled people are currently under-represented on the Committee, so applications from members of these groups are particularly welcome, although all applications will be considered on merit.

The closing date for applications is 18 July 2019