Before you apply - Independent Member to the MRWA Audit Committee

Who will be considered to become an Independent Member of the MRWA Audit Committee?

In order to achieve a broader range of experience on the Committee, the Authority is seeking to appoint an independent member with experience, at a senior level, in one of the following key areas:

- Local Authority / Public Sector Accounting
- Local Authority / Public Sector Financial Reporting

Candidates with experience in these areas in large private sector organisations will also be considered.

Eligibility

Unfortunately, we cannot consider individuals for appointment if they:

- Are currently a Member, Co-opted Member, or an employee or a consultant to MRWA in any capacity, or have been an employee or Elected Member in the last five years;
- Are aware of any potential conflict of interest that could arise in this role, including if you are
 closely related to, or are a close friend of, any Member or senior officer of the Authority or
 have a close connection to an Authority supplier.

In addition, to be eligible for appointment, a person must not be disqualified from holding office as a Member of the MRWA or any local authority within Liverpool City Region. Accordingly, any person who is recommended for appointment will be required to confirm that he/she is not disqualified.

Appointment details and allowance information

Independent Members will be appointed for an initial period up to 31st March 2029, with the potential for this to be extended for a further three years.

Successful candidates will receive an annual allowance of £500 and will be expected to attend three Committee meetings per year. Meetings are usually held in person at MRWA's office, based at No. 1 Mann Island, but may occasionally be held via Microsoft Teams.

Candidates will also need to be able to commit sufficient time to read Committee papers in advance of these meetings and to undertake occasional training alongside the other Committee members.

Supporting information

To read minutes from previous meetings of the Audit Committee and gain an understanding of what the role entails, please click on the link below:

Current Authority and Committee Meetings - Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority

