

Person Specification - Independent Member to the MRWA Audit Committee

Requirements	Where identified*	Essential	Desirable
A broad range of experience, preferably in public, private, voluntary and charitable sector employment or service including self-employed, employed and voluntary positions.	A	X	
Understanding of the wider local government environment and accountability structures.	A		X
Strategic/financial management responsibilities.	A		X
Qualification in accountancy, finance, risk management, business management or internal audit.	A		X
Good understanding of corporate governance and risk management and the key elements of audit, value for money and external scrutiny. The ability to formulate and evaluate solutions to the issues identified.	A		X
Good understanding of the roles of internal and external audit.	I		X
Ability to understand complex issues and make objective, evidence-based decisions.	I	X	
Strong interpersonal and communication skills.	I	X	
Willingness to participate in meetings and ask searching questions in order to challenge and hold to account council officers and the representatives of internal and external audit.	I	X	
Attend and prepare for each meeting of the Joint Audit and Governance Committee.	I	X	
Ability/willingness to attend any relevant training or development activities associated with the role.	I	X	
Independence of mind, objectivity and impartiality.	I	X	
Experience of chairing meetings	A		X

