

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCALISM ACT 2011 MEMBER CONDUCT APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PERSON

Can you weigh up conflicting evidence and reach an effective conclusion? Are you of integrity and good character? Do you have respect for others and an understanding of diverse ethical issues?

If the answer to the above is yes, you may be just the person we are looking for to act as an Independent Person advising the Authority as part of its arrangements for dealing with complaints that one of its Members may have failed to comply with the Authority's adopted Code of Conduct.

This is an opportunity for the right person to make a real contribution to the fairness and integrity of the Authority.

The appointment will be effective either from 7 February 2017, or such later date as may be notified.

To be eligible to be an Independent Member you must NOT:

1. be, currently, a Member of the authority, a co-opted Member or an employee of Copeland Borough Council;
2. be a Member or co-opted Member or officer of a town or parish council of which the authority is the principal authority; or
3. have occupied such a position in the last five years be a relative or have any close links with any authority Member or Officer which might lead people to question your Independence.

An annual remuneration of £100 along with travelling expenses will be paid. Appropriate training will be given. If you are interested in applying please contact either: Denise James (Member Services Officer) (denise.james@gov.uk). Tel: 01946 598528; OR Clinton Boyce (Solicitor) (clinton.boyce@gov.uk) 01946 598516.

Applications should be submitted by 27 January 2017.