



INDEPENDENT MEMBERS REQUIRED

Standards Committee

West Lancashire Borough Council is looking for members of the public who would be interested in serving as Independent Members on its Standards Committee. If you have a keen interest in standards in public life and are interested in playing a key role in enhancing local democracy and maintaining and enhancing standards and ethics in your local area, you are invited to apply for the position.

The Standards Committee currently comprises 12 members in total of which 5 are independent of the Council and 3 represent Parish Councils within the borough, with the remaining 4 Members being elected Members of the Council.

Ideally those applying should:

- reside in West Lancashire
- preferably have a knowledge of local government and the way it works.
- not be an elected Member or Officer of West Lancashire Borough Council in the last five years.
- not be a Member or Officer of any other relevant authority, unless you are only appointed as an Independent Member of its Standards Committee.
- not normally be a member of a political party.
- not be a relative or a close friend of an elected Member or Officer of the Council.
- be prepared to sign the Council's Code of Conduct.

Applicants should demonstrate high standards of personal integrity and be objective, independent and impartial. Experience of implementing and upholding standards and/or dealing with complaints would be an advantage. A small fixed annual allowance is payable together with travel and subsistence expenses.

If you think you meet the criteria shown above and you are interested in applying to serve on the Committee, please contact Jacky Denning on 01695 577177 ext. 5384 or write to her at Legal, Democracy & Financial Management, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF or e-mail: jacky.denning@westlancs.gov.uk. Details can also be found on the Council's Website.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 1 December 2009

Proposed Interview Date: Thursday, 14 January 2010

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