Challenging how things are done!

Could you make a difference to the way Gloucester City Council is run?

If so, we want to hear from you.

The Council is looking for an independent member to join its Audit and Governance Committee - a vital "watchdog" body promoting good governance and accountability.

The role of the Audit and Governance Committee is to oversee the Council's corporate governance arrangements which include the way the Council manages its financial affairs and risk, financial reporting and internal and external audit processes.

The Audit and Governance Committee currently comprises eight Councillors, however we would like to further enhance our membership by appointing an independent member. The independent person will not be elected, and will be appointed by the Council. The Audit and Governance Committee is currently scheduled to meet 5 times a year to deal with set items of business, however, this is subject to annual review, as well as any additional meetings scheduled as required.

The role is eligible for an annual allowance of £500. It is for a fixed term of 3 years.

To be considered for this position, you must be experienced in matters of an audit nature. You will also be skilled in risk management, performance management and financial governance, preferably within a large or public sector organisation. You will be able to demonstrate probity and the highest level of integrity in your conduct.

You will be asked to undertake some training for the role, and may also be invited to attend other events related to the work of the Audit and Governance Committee.

The work will be challenging and innovative but provides a real opportunity for you to make an active contribution to how the Council is run by providing assurance over its governance, risk and internal control environment.

The successful applicant should be inquiring and independently-minded and able to assist the work of the Audit and Governance Committee by personal knowledge and experience relating to the financial and operational management and internal control of large organisations. The person specification for the role provides more details of what skills and experience the successful candidate might be expected to have.

The independent Member is co-opted to the Audit and Governance Committee on a non voting basis.

Applications cannot be considered from anyone:

- who has been a councillor or employee of the Council at any time during the last 5 years;
- with a relative or close friend who is currently an employee or councillor; or
- where any potential conflict of interest would arise.

If you feel you have the experience and personal qualities to undertake this role, an application form and information pack can be requested by email on xxxxxxxx. If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact xxxxxxxxx

Advertisement for Appointment of Independent Member of Audit and Governance Committee

Assessment will be from the application form, followed by interviews. The final appointment will be made by xxxxxxxx

Closing Date: xxxxx

Interviews will be held the week commencing xxxxxx.

The first Audit and Governance Committee meeting after appointment will be on xxxxxx