

Standards Committee Independent Members

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is looking for a local person to become the third independent member of its Standards Committee.

What does the Standards Committee do?

The Standards Committee promotes and maintains high standards of conduct by Southend-on-Sea Borough Councillors (including co-opted members) and Leigh Town Councillors and guides and advises them on how to observe the Members' Code of Conduct. It will also carry out other functions relating to matters of propriety including holding Hearings to decide whether or not a Member has failed to follow the Code of Conduct, and if so to decide on any penalty.

The Committee meets approximately two times per year and on other occasions as and when required.

Are you eligible to be an independent member of the Standards Committee?

You need to:

- Have a good understanding of the area and broad community issues;
- Have a good understanding of, and commitment to, the public service values of accountability, probity, openness and equality of opportunity; and
- Ideally have some experience or expertise in conducting formal hearings or proceedings.

You cannot be an independent member of the Standards Committee if:

- Within the period of 5 years before the date of appointment you have been a member or officer of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council or Leigh Town Council;
- You have a relative or close friend who is a member or officer of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council or Leigh Town Council.

Will independent members of the Standards Committee be paid?

Independent members currently receive travelling and subsistence allowances.

How to apply

To apply, please write to the Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER, including your CV and setting out why you are interested and how you meet the criteria for the post as set out above.

If you would like more information about the role, please call John Williams, the Deputy Town Clerk, on 01702 215102.

Applications should be received no later than Friday 14 November 2003.