

WECA - INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER**PERSON SPECIFICATION (In all cases these are desirable, not essential)****Experience:**

Ideally you will possess business management experience of working at a senior level in a complex organisation;

Alternatively you may have sat on an Audit Committee or had other experience which would give you a similar understanding;

Some degree of strategic management and/or financial and risk management experience would be highly desirable or had senior involvement in delivery of major infrastructure projects;

Skills:

Engaging mind, able to understand complex issues in a political environment;
Able to understand the importance of accountability and probity in public life;
Ability to see and focus on the 'big picture' and to avoid being drawn into 'detail';
Able to act with objectivity and integrity in an independent role;
Able to analyse and assess evidence and offer pragmatic advice;
Possess effective interpersonal and communication skills;
Able to understand and contribute to the wider work of the WECA;

Knowledge:

Knowledge/Understanding of public sector corporate governance arrangements;
Knowledge/Understanding of risks involved in major infrastructure delivery;
Understanding of risk management or assurance frameworks;
A formal business management or accountancy qualification is desirable;

Additional Information:

You must not be a current Councillor or Officer of any of the three constituent authority's or of a Parish Council of one of the constituent authority's or have been so in the preceding five years prior to appointment;

You must not be a relative or close friend of any person identified above;

You must have no unspent criminal convictions or be an undischarged bankrupt;

You should have no conflicts of interest with WECA and must disclose any you feel relevant;

You will be required to sign an undertaking to comply with WECA's Code of Conduct;

Currently the Audit Committee holds meetings up to four times a year and on an 'exception' basis, and a commitment to attend most if not all of these is required.