

## MEMBERS' ROLES

### INDEPENDENT MEMBER AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

This document aims to describe the potential range of activities which an Independent Member undertakes.

This document should provide a direct and useful reference for anyone taking on, or considering taking on, the roles described. It should also therefore assist with identifying suitable training and development opportunities.

The role of the Lay Member of the Audit and Governance Committee will be to independently assist the Committee to effectively discharge its role by providing advice and scrutiny on matters relating to the Council's arrangements for audit, risk management, governance and control.

#### Key duties:

To attend and participate in meetings of the Council's Audit Committee

To assist the Council to discharge their powers and functions as set out in the remit of the Audit Committee

To understand and appreciate the importance of good corporate governance and of the key elements of audit, risk management, best value and external scrutiny

To take an independent, unbiased and objective view

To examine evidence and complex documentation and ask searching questions

To challenge and hold to account Council Officers and representatives of Internal and External Audit

To promote high ethical standards and participate in sub-committees drawn for the purposes of considering complaints under the Council's Member Code of Conduct

To participate in any training and development initiatives that are either a constitutional or legal requirement or which have been identified as a development opportunity and undertake appropriate personal Development necessary to carry out their role(s) or designated responsibilities.