



SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Could you help promote standards in public life?

South Downs National Park Authority is seeking to recruit an Independent Person to assist it in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct amongst its Members and Co-opted Members.

The Localism Act 2011 requires the Authority to appoint an Independent Person whose views are to be sought, and taken into account, before making a decision on a conduct allegation being investigated. The views of the Independent Person may also be consulted on other standards matters, including by the Member who is the subject of an allegation.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a keen interest in standards in public life, and a wish to serve the local community and uphold local democracy. High standards of personal integrity, independence and impartiality are key. Effective questioning, sound decision making and leadership skills are vital.

You cannot be appointed as an Independent Person if you are or, in respect of (a) below, if you were at any time during a period of 5 years prior to the appointment:-

- (a) a Member, Co-opted Member or officer of the Authority; or
- (b) a relative or close friend of a person within category (a) above.

However, by virtue of transitional arrangements this does not prevent persons who, in the last five years, were Members or Co-opted Members of the Authority's Standards Committee from being eligible to apply for this role, provided they were not Members or Co-opted Members of that Committee on 1 July 2012. In these circumstances, the period of the appointment is short-term only (until 30 June 2013).

A sum of £ per annum (subject to confirmation by the Authority) is payable in respect of your duties (including travel and subsistence expenses).

Further details and an application form can be downloaded from the Authority's website: www.southdowns.gov.uk

Closing date: 2012