

Independent Member – Haringey Council

Standards Committee

Are you interested in promoting high ethical standards in Haringey Council?

Haringey Council's Standards Committee promotes and maintains high standards of conduct for your local councillors. There are seven councillors and six independent members of the public on the Standards Committee. We need to recruit 2 independent member to sit on our Standards Committee, 1 from November 2010 for 4 years to 2015, and 1 from May 2011 to May 2015.

We are looking for applicants who:

- are independent of any political party and local government
- are familiar with ethical questions
- have good analytical, questioning and interpersonal skills
- have a genuine interest in local government

You cannot become an independent member of Haringey Council's Standards Committee if you:

- have been a member or employee of Haringey Council, or any other Local Authority in the last 5 years
- are a relative or close friend of a member or employee of Haringey Council
- have a criminal conviction which is not spent
- are an undischarged bankrupt
- are not a resident of Haringey

There are four Standards Committee meetings a year, one every three months. These take place in the evenings in Haringey Civic Centre as do a roughly equal number of assessment and review sub-committee meetings (meetings to consider complaints received against members). In addition a Standards Sub-Committee sits when necessary to determine the outcome of a complaint against a councillor. These hearings take place during the day and normally only last for one day.

Training for independent members is provided.

Independent members receive a small allowance of £616.50 a year and may be eligible for a baby sitting or dependants allowance.

If you would like to have an informal discussion about this role, please contact John Suddaby, the Council's Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, on 0208 489 3974 or email: john.suddaby@haringey.gov.uk . To receive an application form and information pack please contact Clifford Hart – Committee Manager on 0208 489 2920 or email: clifford.hart@haringey.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications is Friday 27 August 2010 at 5pm.

Interviews are likely to be held in the evening during the weeks commencing 4 and 11 October 2010 – to be confirmed.