

## **ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL VACANCIES FOR DESIGNATED INDEPENDENT PERSONS**

Are you interested in local democracy?

Are you interested in the community?

Do you think local councillors do a good job?

Are you interested in assisting with the maintenance of high standards of conduct by local councillors?

The Isle of Wight Council needs independent members of the public to:

To be “Designated Independent Persons” as set out in the Localism Act 2011 who may be consulted by councillors and senior council officers on issues relating to complaints made against councillors relating to breaches of the Councillor Code of Conduct.

### Designated Independent Persons

These are roles required by the Localism Act 2011, who may be consulted by councillors on the Isle of Wight Council and the 33 Parish/Town Councils on the Island and senior council officers on matters relating to complaints that have been received about the conduct of councillors. Training on the role and the Councillor Code of Conduct will be provided.

We are looking for up to 3 people to join the existing 1 Designated Independent Persons. It is always difficult to estimate the amount of work involved as it fluctuates, but a reasonable estimate is that you may be contacted once or twice a month. You will receive a yearly allowance of £301 per annum (subject to review).

Successful candidates will be:

- Independent from the Council and Parish/Town Councils on the island, and any political parties
- Have an understanding of ethical issues, and have some experience of dealing with issues in a non-judgemental fashion
- Have a genuine interest in local services and experience of working with others
- Live or work on the Island
- Have high standards of personal integrity
- Have an interest in ethical and propriety issues in public life
- Have good analytical, questioning and interpersonal skills
- Wish to serve the local community and uphold local democracy;
- Be objective, independent and impartial;
- Have an understanding of the role of a councillor
- May have had experience of being on or chairing a committee or a sub-committee
- Knowledge of local government would be an advantage but is not essential
- You will need to be contactable by telephone and email and on occasion will need to be able to attend County Hall, Newport

You will not qualify for any post if:

- Are or have been either a member or an officer of the Isle of Wight Council or any Parish/Town Council, in the previous 5 years
- Are a relative or close friend of a member or employee of either the Isle of Wight Council or any Parish/Town Council on the Island

- Not be engaged in party political activity

For an informal discussion or to request an information pack please contact Helen Miles, Assistant Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer on (01983) 821000 or email [helen.miles@iow.gov.uk](mailto:helen.miles@iow.gov.uk) or Justin Thorne, Strategic Manager for Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer on (01983) 821000 or email [justin.thorne@iow.gov.uk](mailto:justin.thorne@iow.gov.uk)

For an information pack which includes application requirements please email Democratic Services Team [democratic.services@iow.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@iow.gov.uk)

Closing date for both applications will be 5pm Friday 13 September 2019