

### **Appointment: Independent Chair of Audit Committee Oldham Council**

This is an exciting opportunity for someone to join Oldham Council's Audit Committee, as its Chair, to support the Director of Finance in discharging her statutory responsibilities and proactively promoting good governance and effective control at the Council. You would be required to attend four/five meetings a year, most of which start at 6:00pm, but occasionally during the working day. The current remuneration for which is £2,106 per annum.

The Audit Committee provides independent assurance to the Council on the effectiveness of the Council's governance, financial management, risk management and internal control arrangements. It provides a key role in providing constructive challenge across the organisation and it approves the Council's financial statements.

Therefore, the Council is seeking to recruit someone who is able to facilitate and lead meetings and promote the efficient operation of the Committee, ensure that Members work together effectively and enable the proper conduct of business.

The Chair of the Audit Committee should take particular care that all Members of the Audit Committee observe the principles of behaviour in public life (the "Nolan Principles"), which embrace selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

As the Chair, you should have a financial, accountancy, risk-management or audit background and have experience in corporate governance, ideally in the public sector. The Council is specifically looking for people with skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- risk management
- treasury management
- audit governance
- strong financial literacy

You should also:

- be a proactive leader with the ability to act with independence, confidence and integrity
- be a good listener and communicator with strong facilitation skills
- have time to develop and closely monitor the Audit Committee agenda

It would be an advantage (but not essential) that you have a working knowledge of Audit Committee functions.

Applicants must be over the age of 18, be able to attend meetings at Oldham Council, and have not been Elected Members or employees of Oldham Council, or its wholly owned companies, in the last five years. Applicants must remain independent from the organisation and any political party,

To read minutes from previous meetings of the Audit Committee and to gain an understanding of what the role entails, please click:

<http://decisionrecording.oldham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=134&Year=0>

If you require further information on the role, please contact either Anne Ryans, Director of Finance on 0161 770 4902 or Mark Stenson, Head of Corporate Governance on 0161 770 4783, for an informal discussion.

If you wish to apply to join the Oldham Council Audit Committee, please submit your application explaining why you think you would be suitable for this position no later than (the agreed date)

**Please note:**

**Recruitment normally through our website but this also links in to the Indeed Jobs website.**