

**Independent Member of the Audit and Governance Committee - Application Form**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Preferred daytime contact number:**

**Please explain briefly, with reference to the Selection Criteria below, why you would be suitable for the role:**

Please return this form to [shirley.jarlett@ipswich.gov.uk](mailto:shirley.jarlett@ipswich.gov.uk) or Shirley Jarlett, Assistant Director - Governance, Ipswich Borough Council, Grafton House, 15-17 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2DE

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### **Selection Criteria**

#### **The ideal candidate for the position of Independent Member of the Audit and Governance Committee will have:**

1. A broad range of experience, including within the local government sector.
2. Held a significant position within either the private or public sector.
3. Professional audit and/or governance skills and experience relevant to the role of the Audit and Governance committee.
4. An interest in good governance coupled with an appropriate professional qualification and experience of some of the subject areas covered by the Committee's terms of reference.
5. Good analytical skills and an ability to demonstrate clarity of thought. The ability to assimilate information quickly and arrive at balanced judgements.
6. Independence of mind, objectivity and impartiality.
7. A high level of personal integrity.
8. A commitment to the general principles governing the conduct of public authorities generally and matters of probity and integrity in particular.
9. Good interpersonal skills, including communication skills (both written and oral) and the ability to co-operate with others in a committee setting. Tact and diplomacy in handling sensitive matters.

#### **Desirable additional criteria are:**

1. Experience of dealing with matters of the kind which will be the concern of the Audit and Governance Committee and, more particularly, financial management, internal control, risk management and anti-fraud/corruption.
2. Working knowledge/experience of local government or some other aspects of the public sector and/or of large, complex organisations at a senior level and substantial awareness and understanding of the political process.
3. Knowledge/experience of procedures for meetings.
4. A preference will be given to applications from residents within Ipswich.

You should demonstrate in your application how you meet the above criteria as this will assist the short-listing process.