



## **SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PERSON TO ASSIST THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Would you like to play a key role in promoting and maintaining high standards of local government conduct?

We are looking for someone with political awareness but without political affiliations, with a keen interest in local governance and a commitment to high standards and ethics in public life, to act as an Independent Person to assist our Monitoring Officer and Standards Committee. You must be independent minded but be able to work as part of a team.

The Council has a duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by its elected members and co-opted members. Duties of the Standards Committee include promoting high standards and investigating alleged breaches of our Code of Conduct for councillors. Following the receipt of a complaint the Council will seek the views of the Independent Person before it makes its decision on any allegation against a member, co-opted member or parish councillor it has decided to investigate.

Views may also be sought from the Independent Person by the member, co-opted member or parish Councillor who is the subject of the complaint.

You cannot be appointed as an Independent Person if you are currently a member, co-opted member, parish councillor or an officer of South Ribble Borough Council or have been within the last 5 years, or if you a relative or close friend of such a person.

Ideally you should have:-

- Experience on relevant committees or similar,
- A high level of personal integrity
- An ability to work as part of a team
- The ability to be objective, independent and impartial - essential
- Good analytical, communication and interpersonal skills

Although this is an unpaid role, travel expenses will be covered if attendance at standards related meeting is required.

If this role interests you, please contact Kay Lovelady, Principal Solicitor, South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, Lancashire, PR25 1DH. Tel 01772 625282 or email [klovelady@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:klovelady@southribble.gov.uk) for details of how to apply.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 and interviews will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

South Ribble Borough Council is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from all minority groups within the community.