



## **Elected Member Person Specification**

**To fulfil his or her role as laid out in the role description, an effective Member requires the following:**

### **Representing and supporting Communities**

- Good advocacy skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Integrity and the ability to set aside own views and act impartially
- The ability to present relevant and well-reasoned arguments
- Good communication skills
- Willingness / ability to use information technology

### **Making decisions and overseeing Council performance**

- Knowledge and understanding of meetings law, rules and conventions
- An understanding of strategic, policy and service contexts for decisions
- The ability to challenge ideas and contribute positively to policy development

### **Representing the Council (subject to appointment)**

- Good public speaking skills
- Good presentation skills
- The ability to persuade others and act with integrity

### **Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships**

- An understanding of the roles of Officers, Members and different Agencies
- Respect for, and desire to work with, different groups and individuals
- Have knowledge and understanding of the Code of Conduct and Member/Officer Protocol
- A knowledge and commitment to the Council's vision and strategic aims and objectives

### **Personal and role development**

- An ability to assess personal and role development needs
- Desire and skills to participate in development
- Willingness to participate in the Elected Member Learning and Development Programme