

## **Appendix 2**

### **CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **ACCOUNTS, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

##### **Person Specification**

The successful candidate will be someone who:

- understands the importance of good governance and the responsibilities placed on those responsible for oversight of good governance
- shows an appreciation of the complex issues which can arise within any large and diverse organisation
- demonstrates a commitment to building a strong council with clearly articulated objectives and purpose
- has gained practical experience in financial or general management within a business or public sector environment
- understands the roles and purpose of internal and external audit
- understands the importance and benefits of good risk management
- demonstrates an understanding of the statutory duties and legislative requirements relevant to local government
- has good communication and interpersonal skills
- displays open-mindedness and impartiality
- is able to analyse, interpret and absorb information and evidence effectively and quickly
- understands and complies with confidentiality requirements

Previous experience of audit committee (or equivalent) experience would be desirable but is not essential.

Independent members should not be affiliated with a political party as this may result in potential conflicts of interest. They should also be willing to disclose to the council any matter which, if it became public, might damage the council's reputation.

Cherwell District Council seeks to reflect the views of all their residents and therefore welcome applications from members of all communities. The successful candidate should preferably be residents of Cherwell District or otherwise be able to demonstrate some direct connection.