

Member Risk Champion

Appointment of Member Risk Champion

Following a recommendation from the Audit Committee, Cabinet agreed to appoint the Chair of the Audit Committee as the Member Risk Champion at its meeting on 12 November 2024 (minute CB 24/108 refers).

Roles and Responsibilities

The overall purpose of the role of the Member Risk Champion is to promote, encourage, challenge and drive improvement of the Council's Risk Management processes. The Champion will work closely with Member colleagues and officers in meeting the risk management responsibilities.

As stated above, the Risk Champion at the Council is the Chair of the Audit Committee. They should be prepared to provide regular updates at every meeting of the Committee in respect of their work as Risk Champion, as appropriate.

The main responsibilities of the Member Risk Champion are:

- to promote the Council's Risk Management Strategy and acting as a recognised point of contact for risk related questions.
- to help ensure the Council's risk management systems are operating effectively and to report to the Audit Committee as to the robustness or otherwise of those systems.
- to encourage Member colleagues to raise the profile of risk at both formal and informal council meetings thereby embedding the risk management throughout the Council.
- to raise and maintain an awareness of all matters connected with risk management.
- to take a lead role in the development of all members in relation to risk management