

Officer's survey - role of Independent Persons

Croydon Council has been asked by the Ethics Committee to conduct a survey to better understand the role of Independent Person(s) in other London local authorities. We would greatly appreciate your help in completing this short survey. We are happy to share the anonymised results.

Contact information

1. What is your name (officer completing the survey)?

2. What is your email address?

3. What is your local authority?

The role and responsibility of the Independent Person in your local authority

4. Have you appointed at least one Independent Person to fulfil the Localism Act 2011, Section 28(7) statutory duty (described below)?

[...] (a) whose views are to be sought, and taken into account, by the authority before it makes its decision on an allegation that it has decided to investigate, and (b) whose views may be sought— (i) by the authority in relation to an allegation in circumstances not within paragraph (a), (ii) by a member, or co-opted member, of the authority if that person's behaviour is the subject of an allegation, and (iii) by a member, or co-opted member, of a parish council if that person's behaviour is the subject of an allegation and the authority is the parish council's principal authority.

5. Are the Independent Person(s) invited to attend or observe the Ethics or Standards Committee meetings (or equivalent)?

6. Do Independent Person(s) participate in any disciplinary processes against the chief officers (i.e. Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer or Monitoring Officers)?

7. Are Independent Person(s) in your local authority involved in work of any committees other than Ethics or Standards Committee (or equivalent)?

8. Do Independent Person(s) in your local authority have any additional responsibilities or roles (other than mentioned above)?

9. Are there any areas or activities that you could consider Independent Person(s) in your local authority to become involved in?

10. Do you have any good practice examples in relation to Independent Persons or Ethics Committee (or equivalent) that you could share with us?

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