

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Role Description Member Champion for Risk Management and Audit

Office:	Member Champion for Risk Management and Audit
Allowance:	None
Responsible to:	Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Purpose of Role

The overall purpose of the role of the Member Champion for Risk Management and Audit is to promote, encourage, challenge and drive improvement in the Fire Authority's risk management and audit processes.

The Champion will work closely with officers through the Lead Officer for Risk to deliver his/her responsibilities.

Main Responsibilities

The main responsibilities of the Member Champion for Risk Management and Audit are:

- To participate in the Service's Risk Management Group
- To champion improvement in the Fire Authority's risk management and audit processes, including their alignment with the Authority's stated aims and Service Targets and the Service Plan
- To assist the **Standards**, Audit and Performance Management Committee in ensuring that the Authority's risk management and audit systems are operating effectively
- To assist the **Standards**, Audit and Performance Management Committee in ensuring that the Service has appropriate health and safety arrangements in place, including participation in the Service's Health and Safety Committee meetings
- To assist the **Standards**, Audit and Performance Management Committee in ensuring that the Service has appropriate business continuity arrangements in place

- To ask challenging questions about all aspects of the risk management and audit activities, with a view to ensuring that the responsible officers are always striving to achieve the highest standards practically possible in this field
- To support effective links with other Fire and Rescue Services and other Local Authorities, as well as external providers across risk management and audit activities to ensure the most sensible and effective use of resources
- To present, jointly with the Lead Officer for Risk, an annual report on risk management to the Fire Authority

Accountability

The responsibilities outlined in this role description relate to the political or Member level activities of the Fire Authority.

Accountability for Members' performance is through the political and electoral process.

The responsibilities outlined are without prejudice to the separate duties and responsibilities exercised by the officers of the Fire Authority, for which they are accountable as employees of the Fire Authority as a whole.

When carrying out this role the Member Champion must have regard to the Fire Authority's Protocol on Member / Officer Relations, which can be found in the Member Handbook.