



Public Representative – Area Action Partnership Board

Recruitment Process

- **Application packs**

Local residents, once becoming a member of the AAP Forum, can request a full application pack. The pack will include: application form, guidance notes, role description and an outline of the Public Representative Recruitment Process. Assistance is available to individuals who require help to complete their application form.

- **Selection process**

On receipt of applications, an AAP panel, made up of the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Partnership along with the AAP coordinator, will check them to ensure that they are eligible.

- **Informal Discussion**

Candidates who meet the eligibility and person specification criteria will be invited for an informal discussion with the Selection Panel mentioned above. Where requested, advice and support will be provided to candidates to prepare for this.

Where candidates show similar experience levels or potential, then favour will be given to new candidates who have not previously sat on the AAP to ensure that the opportunity is given to as many people as possible during the lifetime of the AAP Partnership. Decision making processes will also take into account the demographic balance of the Board.

- **Appointing and supporting representatives**

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed by letter of the final decision of the Selection Panel. Successful applicants will be informed of the support networks, training and development opportunities and expenses that will be available to them. All successful applicants will be expected to adhere to the AAP Code of Conduct and should familiarise themselves with this document prior to attending their first meeting as an AAP Board Member.

A member of the AAP team will meet with successful applicants before their first Board meeting to discuss the work of the AAP and the role.

Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to participate in the work of the AAP through other opportunities including attending the 6 monthly AAP Forum event, attending Board meetings as a member of the public or joining a Task and Finish Group to look at a specific issue within the AAP area.

If you would like to know more about the Public Representative Recruitment Process, please contact your local Area Action Partnership:

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