

## **APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ONTO THE DORSET COUNCIL HARBOURS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Person specification**

Dorset Council is seeking a co-opted Independent Member who has expertise to offer the Harbours Advisory Committee at Board level in two or more of the following categories:

- Management of harbours, shipping and other forms of transport
- Local industrial, commercial, business, financial or legal (especially maritime law) matters
- Management of marine leisure activities
- Safety management
- Community issues
- Environmental matters
- Nautical experience including local area marine knowledge
- Any other skills and abilities considered from time to time by the Appointments Panel to be relevant to the discharge by the Board of its functions.

The application should set out as clearly as possible the qualifications and expertise relevant to membership of the Harbours Advisory Committee, the motivation for wishing to serve on the committee and any initial thoughts on how the committee should fulfil its functions.

### **Additional information**

Appointments will be made on an open, transparent and competitive basis with the aim of complementing the skills and abilities of existing committee membership to obtain a committee that is independent and fit for purpose rather than representative of particular interests. The intention is to open up appointments to the Harbours Advisory Committee to secure an appropriate range of expertise whether gained through professional or life experience to ensure that it functions effectively. This will ensure that the committee is able to provide the harbours with effective leadership, motivation and strategic direction.

Appointments shall be for three years from the date of confirmation of appointment. An Independent Member may be appointed to a second but no further three year term without recourse to open competition.

Independent Members will be subject to the same Constitution and Code of Conduct as Local Authority Councillors and will be required to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law. It is essential in the interests of openness and accountability that Harbours Advisory Committee Members are perceived not to be influenced or motivated by private interests in the discharge of their duties. All Harbours Advisory Committee Members therefore must declare any personal or business interests which might be construed by any reasonable person to influence their judgment on matters relevant to the Committee and the operation of the Harbours.