

DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES PANEL

PERSON SPECIFICATION FOR PANEL MEMBER

To be eligible for appointment, a person must not be disqualified from holding office as a member of a Local Authority. Accordingly any person who is recommended for appointment will be required to confirm that he/she is not disqualified. Details of the disqualifications are set out on the attached Appendix.

Selection Criteria

Prospective members should :-

1. Have an understanding of Local Government and the broader community issues.
2. Have the ability to act impartially.
3. Be aged over 18 years.
4. Not be a Councillor of any Local Authority (including Town/Parish Councils).
5. Not be directly related to, or a close friend of, a Darlington Borough Councillor or an officer of the Council.
6. Not be employed by Darlington Borough Council.
7. Not be a member of any political party.
8. Have good communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively and work with others in order to produce a report and recommendations.
9. Be able to analyse information, ask pertinent questions and retain confidentiality.
10. Be able to attend meetings during normal office hours.