# Independent Members - Salford City Council - FAQ’S

1. **What is the latest date for applications?**

End date is 12 noon on the 1st October 2020.

1. **When will the interviews be?**

15th October. The appointments are then subject to a positive vote from a majority of all the Members of the Council at a meeting of full Council.

1. **Can you arrange alternative dates?**

Unlikely that we can schedule interviews for alternative dates but will try to accommodate.

1. **How long is the appointment for?**

Four years with a maximum of 2 terms**.**

1. **What is payment/allowance?**

Allowance for this year is £1,109 for chair and £408.84 for the other independent member.

1. **How much work will there be?**

The Standards Committee meets 4 times a year and there will be some preparation time involved in considering the Committee agendas. There may also be some follow up work flowing from the meetings, although perhaps not often and not of great volume.

More information on the Standards Committee’s work can be found in the City Council’s [Constitution](https://www.salford.gov.uk/your-council/council-and-decision-making/council-constitution/) on our website.

1. **When does the Standards Committee meet?**

The Standards Committee usually meets on a Thursday at 2:30pm.

1. **Will I need to speak at the Standards Committee?**

You will be asked for your views so must feel comfortable addressing a group of people.

1. **How big is the Standards Committee?**

At full strength 10. There are 8 elected members, politically balanced and two co-opted members who are not councillors nor officers of the Council. It is likely that not all members of the Committee will attend each meeting.

1. **Do I need formal qualifications?**

No formal qualifications required.

1. **How do I apply?**

If you are interested in being considered for this role please complete the online application form and submit a CV with a covering letter (no more than 2 sides of A4), explaining how you meet the criteria in the Role Profile.

1. **Will training be provided?**

Training on the Code of Conduct will be provided.