



**WHANGANUI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

**Expression of Interest Self-Assessment  
Independent Risk and Assurance Committee Member**

<b>Name</b>	
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The purpose of the self-assessment completion is to help us establish your understanding of the role, the skills and experience you have that match what we are looking for, and how you can add value to the independent governance of the Committee.

You will be evaluated on the information you provide and a final decision to move to the next step will be made by the selection panel.

You must complete all questions in the Self-Assessment to be considered for this role.

As outlined in the EOI advertisement, you must complete and send in your self-assessment to the Democracy Services Manager [anna.palamountain@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:anna.palamountain@whanganui.govt.nz) by the closing date of **5.00pm, Friday 8 August 2025**.

Self assessments will be reviewed with interviews scheduled for late August.

**Q1. You have read our advertisement and the position description. Please tell us what strengths you would bring to this role?**

**Q2. What interests you most about this role? What was your motivation to apply?**

**Q3. What is your understanding of this role? What do you see are the key deliverables, achievements and outputs?**

**Q4. As an Independent Risk and Assurance Committee member, you will be required to take a professional and ethical approach to the duties required and have the capacity to devote the necessary time and effort to the responsibilities. Please reference any Directorships/Board Memberships that you currently hold.**

**Q5. The Person Specification for Independent Members notes the following areas of experience:**

- **Broad governance experience**
- **Familiarity with risk management disciplines**
- **Understanding of internal control and assurance frameworks**
- **Understanding of the roles of internal and external audit**
- **Financial reporting and analysis from a risk perspective**

**Please describe for us your past experience and proven ability in these areas.**

**Q6. The Risk and Assurance is seeking an Independent Member. Please describe your experience in promoting and maintaining effective working relationships within a committee.**

Thank you for completing the self-assessment form and registering your expression of interest in this role. If you have any additional supporting material, please attach this to your email.

We will acknowledge your Expression of Interest on receipt and update you with the next steps once the application period closes.



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### **Risk and Assurance Committee - Independent Committee Member**

#### **Person Specification**

Independent members should have the following experience:

- Broad governance experience
- Familiarity with risk management disciplines (identification, evaluation and management)
- Understanding of internal control and assurance frameworks
- A good understanding of the roles of internal and external audit
- Financial reporting and analysis from a risk perspective

#### **Skills and Abilities**

Each Independent Committee member is appointed on the basis that they can contribute strengths to the skills, knowledge and experience required to achieve the purpose of the Risk and Assurance Committee.

It is desirable that the Independent Member possesses the following skills and abilities:

- Functional knowledge in areas of governance including planning, reporting and oversight, assurance, business operations, and health and safety
- A working knowledge of Audit Committee practices and risk management frameworks
- An awareness of the Local Government sector
- Consciousness of risk and the ability to identify and manage likely risks including ensuring that appropriate risk strategies are in place, which takes into account the risk appetite of Council
- Intellectual curiosity (inquiring, challenging and testing assumptions)
- A capacity to form independent judgements and a willingness to constructively challenge/question management practices and information
- Ability to focus on the vision, strategic objectives and priorities when supporting or making decisions
- A professional and ethical approach to the conduct of their duties and the capacity to devote the necessary time and effort to the responsibilities as an Independent Member of the Risk and Assurance Committee
- An ability to recognise, acknowledge and manage potential conflicts of interest as a consequence of their expertise and experience, between the independent member's duties to the committee and his or her other personal or work interests (or the duties and interests of others).