

Appointment of Chair of an independent inquiry into the recent flooding in York

Role description

The City of York Council invites applications from appropriately qualified individuals to independently chair an inquiry into the flooding in York over the Christmas and New Year period of 2015.

The Council has agreed draft terms of reference for the inquiry which are attached. These will be finalised in consultation with the appointed Chair.

The Independent Chair will:

- Provide leadership and direction to enable the effective participation in the Inquiry of those able to give information of value to it;
- Lead and conduct the inquiry in accordance with its terms of reference and within an agreed timeframe;
- Produce, in conjunction with the inquiry team, a report which is thorough, comprehensive and accurate and which can be made publicly available.

Skills/experience required

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the following competencies:

- The ability to chair and lead an inquiry team made up of influential people;
- The ability to command the confidence of Councillors, public and private sector agencies those in the voluntary sector and the public of York;
- A highly skilled public communicator on high-profile and sensitive issues;
- Strong analytical skills;
- The capacity to examine issues in an impartial way using a range of methods and following a non-adversarial approach to engage with those able to give information of value to the inquiry;
- A strong and relevant career track record