

## **Who can be a Director?**

Any Councillor who is a member of a Council which is a fully paid up member of Norfolk Association of Local Councils Limited (Norfolk ALC), subject to satisfying eligibility requirements set out in the Norfolk ALC's Rules and is not an elected member of another tier of local government.

## **Being a Director**

Being a Director involves serious obligations, including legal responsibilities and adherence to corporate governance best practice. In carrying out their duties, Directors must always act in the best interest of the Norfolk ALC as a whole, and not of themselves or their individual council of which they are a member.

Being an effective member of the Board requires Directors to deal with important strategic and financial matters and therefore Directors must have the ability to reach a level of understanding in order that they can make considered and informed judgements about the matters which come to the Board for decision.

## **The Role of the Board**

- The Board is collectively responsible for the long term success of Norfolk ALC
- The Directors are responsible for ensuring that Norfolk ALC carries out its commitment to be a successful co-operative organisation and serves the interests of its members by exercising independent and objective judgement.
- The Board sets out Norfolk ALC's strategic aims and strategic direction of the organisation with the County Officer and other members of staff.
- The board oversees the financial performance of the organisation, together with Norfolk ALC's risk framework and system of internal control.

## **Board Membership**

The Board will consist of 12 elected members, 6 representing Areas based on district council areas and 6 elected on a Norfolk wide bases. All eligible member councils are entitled to vote in board elections and may vote for one member in their area and up to six Norfolk wide candidates. It will be the responsibility of the Council's representative to cast the votes. Normally elections to the board will be every 4 years to coincide with Town and Parish Council Elections.

The Board has the powers to co-opt up to two additional members to bring additional expertise if required.