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Housing

Members of the CIH Audit and Risk Committee July 2026

Are you an effective decision maker and passionate about professionalism? Are you committed to excellent financial and risk governance and the role housing can play in the future of our communities? If so, we want to hear from you.

The Chartered Institute of Housing's (CIH) purpose is simple. We want to provide everyone involved in housing with the skills, support and knowledge they need to be the best they can. We also want to shape housing and community agendas. To achieve these things, we want to ensure that CIH is an accountable, strategic, modern, inclusive and dynamic organisation that is not only fit for purpose but also is prepared for future challenges. The CIH governing board is charged with the management of the business. This includes setting and driving the strategic direction of the organisation, mapping out priorities, and ensuring performance and managing risk, accountability, viability and sustainability.

In support of the CIH trustees, a number of sub-committees of the governing board have been established to assist delivery of key business objectives. One of these is the CIH audit & risk committee. With authority delegated by the governing board, its purpose is to consider matters of risk, accountability, compliance, and the effectiveness of CIH delivery. The audit and risk committee comprises a mix of trustees from the governing board and independent members. CIH is seeking an exceptional individual who can support CIH and the committee's appointed chair, Vanessa Harwood-Whitcher, as an independent member of the audit and risk committee.

We welcome applications from individuals who can demonstrate:

- A clear understanding of audit and risk principles
- Formally recognised expertise and experience of one or more specific disciplines achieved in a challenging environment - e.g. finance, audit, compliance and quality assurance
- Senior level experience in the private, public or not-for profit sectors.

We would particularly welcome applicants with audit and risk committee experience in a professional body or the education sector, or with a relevant professional qualification. CIH is fully committed to eliminating discrimination and promoting equality, diversity and inclusion. Applicants will be expected to be willing and able to contribute positively to the promotion and implementation of CIH's equality, diversity and inclusion policy. Appointments will be made on the basis of skills and experience, with a recruitment panel making recommendations to the governing board. Please note that whilst the position is unpaid, reasonable expenses will be paid in accordance with our policy.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 31 July 2026 via the CIH Governance Team.

Interviews will be held 10 or 11 August

For an informal conversation about this role, please contact us to arrange a call at governance@cih.org.

For an information pack and details on how to apply, please visit <https://www.cih.org/about-us/get-involved/join-a-cih-committee/>