



## **External co-opted Member – Audit Committee (Voluntary Position – Expenses Paid)**

Do you have an extensive audit and/or financial background and board-level experience in an executive/non-executive role? If so, EPIC is seeking to co-opt up to two external members onto its Audit Committee for an initial period of three years.

EPIC provides people with decent homes at below market rents. We are in the middle of a rapid expansion, adding to our stock of 1,183 homes through acquiring homes in Stoke, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Staffordshire Moorlands. As a registered charity we are driven by our values around fairness, respect, understanding, integrity and teamwork. We are committed to the highest standards of customer service and ensuring that our homes are warm, well maintained and of high quality. As well as adding to our stock, we are modernising our methods of working and are currently implementing a state of the art ICT suite.

We are proud to have recently received our V1/G1 rating by the Regulator of Social housing, highlighting our standing within the regulatory environment is equally as outstanding as that with our tenants.

EPIC has an important regulatory remit, compliance with the Regulator of Social Housing's Economic and Consumer Standards. The social housing market has become increasingly complex and the nature and extent of the risks which providers' must manage are correspondingly more challenging. Our operational remit is delivered by 20 staff. Our audit activities are highly visible, supporting business performance, helping us learn when things don't work as well as adding value to the continuous improvement we strive to achieve.

It is a challenging time, but as our Corporate Strategy sets out, we have an ambition for change. The Audit Committee plays a vital role in providing assurance to the Board that operational and strategic activities are supporting us in delivering the Strategy.

The Audit Committee meets not less than three times a year in EPIC's office in Stoke-on-Trent. Its role is to provide oversight of EPIC's governance, risk management and internal control practices. The Committee performs its role by providing a structured, systematic oversight of the organisation's governance, risk management and internal control practices. It assists the Board, and management, in fulfilling its responsibilities by monitoring the integrity of and monitoring and reviewing the activities and performance of our internal audit and external audit.

Your expertise will be vital to optimising the Committee's effectiveness and in enabling us to provide assurance on the important work we do on behalf of thousands of tenants.

You should have experience of working on boards at a senior level as well as recent, relevant financial experience. Strong knowledge and an understanding of audit, risk management and corporate governance is essential, as is experience of a non-executive role on an audit committee.

You should have an understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a regulatory body and an interest in regulation and the social housing profession.

You will also need the ability to think and act strategically, influence others and consider the bigger picture as well as detail. With a high degree of integrity, you must be able to comply with the Charity Governance Code.

In order to be considered for appointment to do this important work, you will need to submit an application. Please email [recruitment@epichousing.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@epichousing.co.uk) or visit our website for more information and the application documents.