

Advert:

Co-opted (Independent) Member – Bristol Harbour Authority

Bristol Harbour Authority is seeking to appoint a Co-opted (Independent) Member to strengthen the governance, scrutiny, and strategic oversight of Bristol Harbour. This role provides an opportunity for an experienced and committed individual to contribute to the safe, sustainable, and successful management of one of the city's most significant assets.

About the Role

Co-opted (Independent) Members play an essential part in enhancing the Authority's decision-making by bringing external professional insight, constructive challenge, and a high level of integrity. The successful candidate will support the Authority in ensuring robust governance, transparency, and continuous improvement across harbour operations.

Criteria for Appointment

1. Interest and Understanding

We are looking for someone who can demonstrate:

- A **keen interest in the affairs and strategic direction of a harbour authority**.
- A **broad understanding of financial and safety risks and controls** associated with harbour and marine operations.
- Familiarity with the **Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code**, or a willingness to develop understanding rapidly.

2. Skills and Capabilities

The ideal candidate will bring:

- Strong **analytical skills** and the confidence to question, probe, and clarify complex issues.
- The ability to interpret information objectively and contribute to sound, evidence-based decisions.
- A **creative and forward-thinking mindset**, capable of offering new ideas to support harbour improvement and innovation.

3. Professional Background

We welcome applicants who can demonstrate:

- **Relevant professional experience or qualifications** relating to the maritime, harbour, port, engineering, environmental, safety, transport, or similar sectors.
- Experience in governance, risk management, public sector scrutiny, or marine operations would be an advantage.

4. Integrity and Conduct

Candidates must demonstrate:

- The **highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct**.
- A commitment to comply with the **Code of Conduct applicable to local authority councillors**.
- A willingness to **declare any personal, business, or financial interests** that may influence—or be perceived to influence—independent judgment. All declarations will be made publicly available in line with transparency requirements.

Time Commitment & Term

- Attendance at scheduled Harbour Stakeholder or Authority meetings (typically quarterly), with occasional additional engagement as required.
- Preparation time for reviewing meeting papers and contributing to discussions.

How to Apply

Please submit:

- A brief expression of interest outlining how you meet the criteria of no more than 2 x A4 pages.
- A CV highlighting relevant professional experience.

Applications can be sent to: **patsy.mellor@bristol.gov.uk**