



Kirklees Democracy Commission Cross Party Working Group –Thursday 17 December 2019

The Changing Councillor Role - Background and Context

The following outcomes have been agreed in the context of this mandate:

- ***Councillors have the confidence, skills, support and capacity to lead the changing relationship between the council and local citizens. They are placed at the heart of the Council;***
- ***The councillor role is clear, widely communicated and universally understood;***
- ***Councillors are accessible and confident in their role in a digitally networked society;***

A series of workshops have been held with middle managers, Councillors and citizens who form the Democracy Seekers group who were all asked to consider the following:

- What are the roles that Councillors need to play in the future?
- What do you think it would take to be effective in those roles?

The outcome of these discussions have been collated and a draft role profile has been written.

The draft role profile has been shared with colleagues in People Services who have commented on the skills required in order to carry out the role, these have been included in the draft role profile which is attached at **Appendix 1**.

The Cross Party Working Group is asked to:

- Consider and comment on the draft role profile;
- Agree the next steps with regards to this piece of work.

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