

I wish to express an interest in the role as a director of High Life Highland Council

I satisfy the essential criteria in experience as follows

A1 – formerly as a project manager for £60m plus information technology developments including for HM Customs, The Financial Times and the Port of London Authority amongst many;

A2 knowledge of the leisure sector as a committee member of the former Aviemore and Spey Valley Tourist Board and former chair of Newtonmore Business Association;

A3 as a current member of the Board of the Cairngorms National Park Authority and in the past as a member of the SMT for BT Systems Division projects amongst other similar roles and functions in other organisations.

On desirable criteria I satisfy B1, B3 and B4 – as a team member in very many areas, including as a member and United Kingdom representative of the development team for the United Nations on electronic data interchange standards working with global partners; on governance and risk as former chair of the council's audit and scrutiny committee and current member of the Cairngorm National Park Audit committee; on strategy development in many areas in IT, but also as deputy leader of the SNP group in administration for two years

On Skills –

A4 I have financial skills from major project management roles and as chair of the Council's finance, housing and resources committee for two years and I also have over twenty seven years ICT skills;

A5 substantial analytical skills over many years in ICT;

A6 I would feel confident in claiming I meet the criteria to form a balanced view having acted as chair in many roles, both within the council and outside it;

A7 I understand fully the difference in working effectively within a team and board as opposed to within the council, through my experience with the National Park and also as a director of the Society of Badenoch and Strathspey Artists.

On Personal Qualities I feel I satisfy A8, A9 and A10 along with desirable qualities B5 and B6 without further expansion given the previous answers.

On Other Requirements both A11 and A12 have a simple answer: Yes.

Desirable qualities

B7 I satisfy through currently working with the Society of Badenoch and Strathspey Artists and in the past as a director of the Badenoch and Strathspey Transport Company.

Cllr David J Fallows