



## The Role of the Council

Hertfordshire FA is the governing body of grassroots football in our county. We work to promote, support and develop football, utilising the skills and experience of both the paid and voluntary workforce that make up the organisation.

Our Council is made up of representatives from all areas of Hertfordshire football, who use their first-hand knowledge to advise on the strengths of the grassroots game across the county and highlight opportunities to assist in its further development.

Under reforms implemented in recent years, the membership of Council is renewed at the start of every season, with each geographical representative being up for nomination on a seasonal basis with support from clubs in their area.

### What does the Hertfordshire FA Council do?

We strive to ensure that every element of our organisation is as effective as possible and to enable this we must ensure that each has a clear remit under which to operate.

The Hertfordshire FA Council plays a key role alongside the Board and staff in delivering grassroots football.

The purpose of the Council is to:

- Represent the views of clubs, leagues and match officials within the county and to provide these in a constructive manner with a view to development where required
- Provide a forum for debate and approval of any current issue relating to the control, regulation or promotion of football
- Provide an avenue for gathering and disseminating information from all interested parties affiliated to the Hertfordshire FA
- Lead by example by being a true representative of football in Hertfordshire and ensuring the values of the organisation are reflected in the work you undertake
- Provide appropriate representation and support to Association events

## The Role of the Council Member

Council Members add value to Hertfordshire FA through expert first-hand knowledge, ensuring the Association is connected to its products, programmes, and people and serving its participants, volunteers and coaches.

The core requirement is to attend three Council meetings a year and engage in at least one committee looking at a specific area of the game you represent.

### What do Council Members do?

In their role, Council Members:

- Positively support clubs and leagues in their geographical area
- Represent the views of clubs and leagues in their area to the County FA
- Debate football issues, reflecting the view of those who they represent
- Promote football within the community and encourage football for all
- Accurately and positively disseminate information from Council to their clubs
- When appointed to do so, sit on committees, sub-committees and working groups to provide relevant expertise
- Contribute to debate and decision-making process in order to resolve issues or further develop all areas of the game.
- Act in an ambassadorial role when appointed at County Cup matches and other events
- Positively communicate the work and views of the Association
- Act in the best interests of the Association at all times

### Required Knowledge and Experience

To be able to contribute to the Association and serve the needs of the local game effectively, Council Members should have:

- A broad knowledge of the issues and the aspirations of the clubs that they represent
- A sound understanding of the modern game of football in its various forms and of the structures and processes within football
- Knowledge, experience and understanding of local grassroots football and how it has evolved and an ability to positively apply this to the modern game