**Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA Council Member**

Council members represent football across our County FA region and add value to Sheffield & Hallamshire County FAthrough their expert first-hand knowledge. Council consists of all County FA Trustees (Directors), members nominated by affiliated leagues and organisations, plus a further ten Councillors who are elected by the association’s members.

Council Member – **Trustees** (the Directors of the Charity are automatically appointed to Council)

Council Member – **Nominated** (each affiliated leagues or member organisation can nominate a Council representative)

Council Member – **Elected** (nominated by clubs and elected via a member’s vote at the AGM)

**The role of the Council Member**

In their role, Council Members:

* Support clubs, leagues and stakeholder groups in their geographical or football specific area.
* Represent the views of participants and volunteers to the County FA in a constructive way in order to support positive collaboration and to encourage growth across all pathways.
* Accurately and positively assist the County FA with key messaging around regulatory changes and compliance with FA operating standards, for example Safeguarding 365.
* Be a champion for all County FA and FA initiatives including those around safeguarding, equality, diversity and inclusion, discrimination and behaviour management.
* Council members as key stakeholders are invited to use their experiences to help inform County FA strategic plans, priorities, and programmes.
* When appointed to do so, sit on committees, sub-committees and working groups to provide relevant expertise.
* Act as an ambassador for the County FA, and positively communicate the work and views of the Association when undertaking activity within grassroots football.
* 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 stakeholders they represent
* A sound understanding of the modern game of football in its various forms and of the structures and processes within football.
* Full safeguarding compliance.