



Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA Council Member

Council members represent football across our County FA region and add value to Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA through 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.