

Role Overview

Chair - Fox Hollies Neighbourhood Board (Voluntary)

Jess Phillips MP and Birmingham City Council are seeking an independent and respected individual to serve as **Chair of the newly established Fox Hollies Neighbourhood Board**, as part of the Pride in Place Programme.

This is a high-profile, community-focused leadership role with the opportunity to shape long-term, positive change for Fox Hollies. The Chair will act as a **champion for the place**, providing strategic leadership and ensuring that the Neighbourhood Board is genuinely community-led, inclusive, and firmly rooted in the local area.

Working with residents, community organisations, public partners and stakeholders, the Chair will help the Board develop a shared vision, strong governance arrangements, and meaningful community engagement that enables local people to influence priorities and investment.

We are particularly interested in individuals who live or work locally, or who have strong connections to the area and a demonstrable commitment to the area. This role may be well suited to a senior community figure such as a charity leader, community or faith leader, local campaigner, educator, or health professional.

Key Initial Responsibilities include:

- To lead the creation of the new Neighbourhood Board and determining how it will meet its responsibilities for establishing the programme. For instance, its membership, how it engages communities, and how it undertakes the work to set its vision and priorities.
- To help consider and lead any applications to amend the boundary of the Pride in Place area and/or to the name of the identified area in line with what makes most sense locally.
- To work with Neighbourhood Board to lead the creation of the area's first Pride in Place Plan, which will set the vision and investment priorities, to be submitted to the Government.

The role is voluntary. The Chair must be independent and **cannot be a Member of Parliament or a local Councillor**.

Please note that appointment is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Person Specification

Essential Experience and Knowledge

The successful candidate will:

- Have strong connections to the area and a clear commitment to improving the area
- Demonstrate credibility within the community and the ability to lead with integrity
- Understand the importance of community-led change and inclusive decision-making
- Be able to act impartially and independently in the best interests of the place

Leadership and Community Engagement

The Chair will be someone who:

- Brings together diverse voices across the community to shape a shared vision
- Ensures that all perspectives are heard, particularly those that are under-represented
- Prioritises community engagement as a core principle of the Neighbourhood Board's work
- Identifies gaps in participation and leads approaches to build wider involvement and social infrastructure
- Works constructively with community groups, partners, and stakeholders across sectors

Skills and Personal Attributes

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- Fairness, balance and sound judgement
- Strong facilitation skills, including the ability to manage disagreement and find consensus
- Calm, measured leadership when navigating conflict or sensitive issues