UK Council Member Role and Responsibilities

Legal requirements

- not be an un-discharged bankrupt
- not be barred from being a director or have a criminal conviction
- not be subject to a mental health court order
- be domiciled in the UK

Society of Radiographers conditions of Council Membership

- be a full Member of the Society of Radiographers
- have an SoR registered address in one of the countries/regions designated
- have a wide experience of radiography.

UK Council Members are elected by Society of Radiographers' Members from within each country/region to serve on the UK Council of The Society of Radiographers for a period of three years. They may be re-elected and there is no bar on the number of times an individual may be elected to serve on UK Council.

Expectations of UK Council Members
Council Members have a responsibility towards the Society, and a legal obligation to carry out their duties conscientiously. It is therefore important that they read this Guide as well as the other statutory documents associated with it, take part in training days, and attend as many meetings as possible. It is also required that Council Members devote time to prepare for meetings, by reading and being prepared to discuss any papers presented, and to contribute to group decisions on policy. Although members will contribute their own views to Council meetings, and the views of the regional membership who have elected them, Members need to appreciate that the Council decision is what is supported by individual Council members.

They are expected to have a strong commitment, both to the Society and to the profession as a whole. Part of their role is to promote the organisation and its aims, so they are expected to communicate well, and to be diplomatic. Attendance and speaking at events is part of the role, particularly for the Presidential team. Members
are expected to demonstrate appropriate behaviour and appearance for any events where they represent the Society.

The trade union function of the Society requires political awareness, alongside the ability to promote the Council’s views above personal viewpoints.

The role involves travel in the UK, and possibly abroad, with occasional overnight stays. Apologies for non-attendance at meetings must always be given in advance of the meeting. Members must vacate office if they miss three consecutive Council meetings without permission.

Summary of Main Duties:

- To represent and promote the agreed policies of UK Council.
- To represent the trades union and professional interests of all Society Members.
- To develop and promote the advancement of the radiography profession and the wider radiographic workforce.
- To liaise between the UK Council and its National Councils/Regional Committees, and to provide written reports from Countries/Regions.
- To liaise with the relevant Regional/National Officers to ensure that Regional Committees/National Councils operate effectively and efficiently, and that there is a good two-way flow of information.
- To support the Society’s Industrial Relations, Health & Safety, and Learning Representatives, and to provide advice and assistance where required.
- To undertake campaign work as required by UK Council.
- To encourage recruitment of Members in the Countries and Region(s).
- To attend and speak at National Council/Regional Committees on behalf of the Society.
- To attend, participate and, if directed to do so by UK Council, speak at the Annual Delegates Conference, UKRC, UKRO, SoR AGM, Radiographer of the Year Awards ceremony and other occasions as Council from time to time determine.

It is appreciated that some of the skills above will be developed once a Council Member is elected. Induction and training is provided, and new Council Members are also provided with a mentor.