**ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES DESCRIPTION**

**VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT ELECT**

This position is determined by the Association’s Constitution as one of its Principal Officers, and as such the post-holder is a member of Council.

Although this post has no specific portfolio it is crucial to the continuity of the organisation, as the incumbent will be the next President of the Association.

The main duty is to support and deputise for the current President, while developing a strategy to take the Association forward in due course.

Applicants must be experienced senior clinicians and/or clinical academics in an infection discipline.

They should ideally already have a national profile in their specialty, and be active in management and policy making at a regional or national level. They must also have a wide network of contacts across the field of infectious diseases and microbiology, and experience of interaction with other agencies (PHE, DH, etc).

The term of office is 2 years, to be followed by 2 years as President. The post is elected from among the general membership of the Association. As this is a Principal Officer post, in accordance with the Constitution, Council is responsible for ensuring that there are suitable nominations for election to this position.