

**THE NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY  
REGIONAL & NATIONAL COUNCILLORS – JOB ROLE**

**Powers of the Council**

“Article 35 : The Council shall exercise the rights of the Members in relation to the appointment and removal of the Directors .....but shall have no other powers save as .....to discuss matters touching or pertaining to the objects of the Society and the conduct of its affairs and to make recommendations or reports thereon to the [Trustees]”.

**Roles of Councillors**

1. To act as the Electoral College for the Board of Trustees.
2. To attend and contribute to meetings of Council at which the Trustees account for their governance of the Charity’s affairs.
3. To act as a sounding board for the Trustees on major issues.
4. To be available to be called upon at the request of the Trustees to serve on Committees and Working Parties.
5. To attend Regional Conventions, Regional Branch Network Meetings, and Members’ Meetings (Regional Councillors).
6. To be familiar with the Strategic Plan.
7. To signpost Members making inquiries regarding day-to-day NAS activities in a Region, to NAS Regional staff.

**Duties of Councillors**

8. Not to permit any conflict, or perceived conflict, of interest between personal activities and those performed as a Councillor.
9. Not to seek to represent, or imply that the Councillor’s role is to represent, the NAS; this is the role of the Trustees alone, and is delegated on a day-to-day basis to management.
10. Not to breach confidentiality over any sensitive information received in the course of undertaking the role of Councillor.