



## **Advert: recruitment for Defra's Economic Advisory Panel**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is recruiting new members for its Economic Advisory Panel. The panel provides independent challenge and support for Defra's economic analysis and economics profession.

### The Role

Economics is fundamental to policy making in Defra. It provides the underpinning analysis to influence and support policy development. The Economic Advisory Panel is a vital tool to ensure the Department's economic analysis continues to be of high quality and impactful.

### Main responsibilities

**Attendance of full-day panel meetings to examine latest departmental economic analyses.** The panel will sit up to three times a year and members will be invited according to expertise relevant to each meeting's agenda. A small sub-group of successful applicants with broad expertise of Defra's policy responsibilities will be selected to attend every meeting.

**Successful candidates will also join an economist pairing scheme.** Panel members will be paired with a senior economist responsible for analysis in one of Defra's policy areas. The pairing scheme will provide a source of expertise for Defra's economic profession as well as an opportunity for panel members to help shape Defra's evidence priorities.

**The successful candidate will be expected to provide between a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 days per year.** Panel membership will be for a fixed period of three years, with the option to extend for a further three years.

## Selection criteria

The ideal candidates:

- Are senior academic or experienced professional economists with extensive exposure to one or more areas of economics within Defra's policy remit (see Annex below)
- Have experience of working with public sector institutions and advising non-specialist audiences on technical topics.
- Can provide constructive challenge on the use of economics within an organisational and Government context
- Are able to bring cutting edge research findings into consideration in the review and development of Defra policy
- Have demonstrable experience of strategic thinking to deliver better social outcomes

## Remuneration:

We will pay a fixed rate of £275 per day plus travel expenses. Hourly rates will be calculated based on one sixth the daily rate.

## How to Apply:

Please apply by submitting a CV and covering letter to [ChiefEconomistOffice@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ChiefEconomistOffice@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

The covering letter should demonstrate how you meet the ideal candidate criteria and should be limited to a maximum of 1000 words. Applicants may also submit a piece of sample research as supplementary evidence of how they meet one or more of the ideal candidate criteria.

## Deadline:

The deadline for receipt of applications is midnight on 02/03/2018.

## Next steps:

Upon passing an initial sift, you may be invited to a telephone interview to discuss your application and relevant experience. Following this you'll be notified of the final outcome by email.

## Annex: List of Relevant Technical and Subject Specialisms

Defra policy remit subject expertise	Technical Specialisms
Agricultural policy and competitiveness, Agri-environment	Regulatory economics (including economic regulation of utilities like water)
Air and local environmental quality	Incentive design and ecosystems markets
Animal and Plant Health	Appraisal and cost-benefit analysis
Animal Welfare	Economic valuation of environmental goods and services, including ecosystems services and natural capital
Chemicals and Pesticides	Fiscal instruments for environmental regulation
EU Exit	Productivity and innovation
Fisheries	Partial Equilibrium modelling
Food chain	Computable General Equilibrium modelling
Forestry	Behavioural economics
International trade	Economics of consumer behaviour
Marine	Economics of international trade
Natural environment, biodiversity and ecosystems	
Resource Efficiency and Waste	
Rural economy	
Water management including flooding	