



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs



Environment Agency Board Opportunities

Would you like to play a leading role in protecting and improving the environment for future generations?

We are looking for exceptional individuals who are able to provide senior strategic leadership in a large and complex organisation. We are seeking to appoint **four new members** to the Environment Agency Board, including a **Chair for the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee**.

We need people who:

- have proven commercial acumen and an ability to manage large budgets, services or projects, ideally in an industry relevant to the Environment Agency's work;
- have professional expertise in the engineering industry, including long term strategic decision making in relation to major infrastructure projects;
- have strong, active involvement or understanding of local authority networks at a senior level; or
- are experienced as a qualified accountant with the ability to Chair the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, ensuring value for money from an annual budget of £1.3 billion.

Do you have what it takes to help us improve the environment for future generations, or do you know someone who does?

How to apply

See the essential criteria overleaf.

To find out more about these exciting opportunities and to apply, please visit the Centre for Public Appointments website:

Board Member link:

<https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/environment-agency-board-member-2/>

Audit & Risk Assurance Committee Chair link:

<https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/board-member-audit-risk-assurance-committee-chair/>

“Our work matters hugely to people every day in all communities and all parts of the country. We want to create a better place for people and wildlife and promote growth and prosperity for all. I am proud of the talent and enthusiasm I see every day in the Environment Agency and from our colleagues from across the Defra group. Our collaborative approach will enable us to achieve our bold ambitions for the future.”

Emma Howard Boyd
Chair, Environment Agency

Terms of appointment

- Time commitment: 4 days a month
- Remuneration: £350 per day

Appointments to the Board will initially be for terms of 3 years, with start dates from December 2017 to mid-2018.

Closing date for applications: noon, 11 September 2017

About the Environment Agency

The [Environment Agency's](#) purpose is to protect and improve the environment in England for people and wildlife. It is Defra's largest Non-Departmental Public Body with a budget of about £1.3 billion, 10,600 staff and a challenging remit which includes:

- reducing risk to people, properties and businesses from flooding and coastal erosion;
- protecting and improving water quality, making sure there is enough for people, businesses, agriculture and the environment;
- looking after land quality, promoting sustainable land management and helping protect and enhance wildlife habitats; and
- working closely with businesses to help them comply with environmental regulations.

The future brings new challenges as we face the impacts of a changing climate, as well as exciting opportunities to secure even greater environmental protection as we prepare to leave the EU. We need high-calibre leaders to drive the delivery of the Environment Agency's essential work and help protect and improve the environment for future generations.

Essential Criteria:

- A clear commitment to the Environment Agency's role in protecting and improving the environment, reducing the risk to communities from flooding and coastal erosion, and promoting sustainable development;
- An ability to question, challenge constructively and influence decision making within a Board setting in a large and complex organisation;
- An ability to analyse issues at a strategic level in ways which are impartial, creative and focused on finding solutions;
- A proven ability to influence and engage a strong and diverse network of people and organisations and the stature to inspire confidence in stakeholders at all levels.

Additional criteria for the role of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Chair:

- Significant expertise in audit, governance, risk assurance and financial reporting and must be a Chartered Accountant.

About the Board

The Environment Agency has an engaged and effective [Board](#) with a collegiate style. The Board has corporate responsibility for ensuring the Environment Agency fully discharges its statutory duties. It does this by:

- setting strategy, driving performance and holding the organisation to account;
- supporting and encouraging the executive team and constructively challenging their decisions;
- promoting positive and constructive relationships with a broad range of stakeholders; and
- providing stewardship for the environmental outcomes and public funds entrusted to it.

The Board brings a range of knowledge, expertise and insight to the organisation and plays an active ambassadorial role for the Environment Agency.

We're committed to diversity and are part of the UK Government commitment to improving the diversity of public body Boards. As the Environment Agency works at a local level across England it is particularly keen to increase regional representation on its Board. We actively encourage applications from all aspects of communities we serve. You can read more about our approach to diversity [here](#).

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