

Bovine Tuberculosis (bTB) Partnership - Members

Body:	Bovine Tuberculosis (bTB) Partnership
Appointing Department:	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
Sector:	Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
Location:	London /home-based
Number of Vacancies:	15 approx
Remuneration:	All roles will be fee-based and non-pensionable. As an external member of the group there will be a remuneration equivalent to £250 per day, to cover time spent on the role (a maximum of 30 days a year). Reasonable travel and subsistence expenses will also be covered in line with current Defra policy. Details will be set out in a contract
Time Requirements:	It is anticipated that successful candidates will devote a maximum of 30 days a year to the work of the Partnership. In line with current government guidance for work during the Covid-19 pandemic, the group will meet on a monthly basis (via online collaboration tools) and remuneration will be on a pro-rata basis accordingly. This will be reviewed as restrictions lift, with a view to establishing bi-monthly in person meetings.

Campaign Timeline

Competition Launched
09/10/2020

Closed for Applications
30/10/2020 at 17:00

Panel Sift
Week commencing 2nd November 2020

Final Interview Date
Tbc - week commencing 9th November

Announcement
Mid-December 2020

Assessment Panel

John Cross Added 09/10/2020

Panel Chair

Independent Chair • Senior Independent Panel Member

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Stephen Cane Added 09/10/2020

Deputy Director of Bovine TB Programme (Animal Plant Health and Welfare) • Departmental Official

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Catherine Harrold Added 09/10/2020

Deputy Director Exotic and Endemic Disease Control (Animal Health and Welfare) • Departmental Official

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Vacancy Description

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is seeking applications for a new advisory group, the Bovine Tuberculosis (bTB) Partnership. The group will be a driving force for further progress with Defra's bTB strategy, which aims to secure Officially bTB Free status for England by 2038.

BTB is one of the most pressing animal health problems in England. Measures to tackle the disease are costly and represent a major source of distress for hard-working farmers and rural communities. It is critical that government, the farming industry and other interested stakeholders rise to this urgent challenge together.

The Partnership will be instrumental in driving forward the next phase of the bTB strategy, playing a key role in setting strategic direction, co-designing potential new policies, and developing our communication and engagement strategy. The Partnership will provide support, advice and constructive challenge to Defra's Ministers and officials and will act as a focal point for communication and co-ordination.

The Partnership will be jointly chaired by Defra and an independent member. John Cross has been appointed by Ministers as the independent Chair having led the bTB Eradication Advisory Group (TBEAG) since 2012. John is a well-respected farmer from Norfolk with a long history of involvement in the livestock sector and is currently also Chair of Livestock Information Ltd.

Person Specification

Essential criteria

Applicants will need to show evidence of their experience and skills in the following areas, in their “statement of suitability”:

Skills

- A strong strategic thinker, able to bring expertise / experience to bear in order to robustly investigate complex issues.
- Contributes objectively and impartially on issues at a national scale and brings constructive critical challenge where needed.
- Uses data, information and evidence to drive decision making, seeking out more evidence as needed and situating all analysis within specific political, financial and strategic frameworks.
- Sensitive to people and situations, working with total confidentiality (when applicable), yet constructively listening/challenging others in order to identify and deliver shared outcomes.
- Proactive in building and maintaining effective working relationships with Ministers, public officials, private sector and third sector organisations.
- Able to communicate confidently and effectively with a variety of people, balancing conflicting interests and negotiating/persuading to achieve consensus.

Knowledge and Experience

Applicants must demonstrate an understanding and/or experience of one or more of the following:

- Farming industry, particularly the cattle sector from across all bTB geographical risk areas in England,
- The private veterinary profession,
- Local authority enforcement, with knowledge of regulatory and enforcement issues,
- Academia/science relevant to animal health / bTB,
- Wider supply chain, including retailers and processors able to apply their knowledge of supply chain issues,
- Relevant conservation issues

Additional Information

Remuneration will be paid, along with reasonable travel and subsistence costs. The appointments will be for a term of up to three years and subject to conditions set out in a contract to be shared with successful candidates.

We actively encourage applications from individuals from a wide range of backgrounds. Defra is a Disability Confident employer.

How to Apply

Full details of the application process and selection criteria can be found in the briefing pack and should be used when drafting applications. Please contact tb.pmo@defra.gov.uk to receive a copy

of this pack or to ask any other questions.

Candidates should submit:

- Monitoring form 1 (Political Activity and Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire)
- Monitoring form 2 (Diversity Questionnaire)
- a CV of no more than two sides of A4 including education, professional qualifications and employment history.
- a supporting suitability statement of not more than one side of A4, setting out how you meet the essential criteria (skills, knowledge and experience) for this role – make sure you refer to the contents of this document.
- at least two references from peers / stakeholder organisations or other experts.

Your CV and statement should be returned to the following address by the closing date: 5pm on 30 October 2020. Email to Tb.pmo@defra.gov.uk quoting reference TB Partnership.

For further information please email: Tb.pmo@defra.gov.uk

Attachments



[1_Monitoring_form_1_\(Political_Activity_and_Col_Questionnaire\)](#)



[2_Monitoring_form_2_\(Diversity_Questionnaire\)](#)

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