

Chair Forestry and Woodlands Advisory Committee (FWAC) South West England

£2,648 plus expenses (Up to 10 days per annum)

Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee's (FWAC's) provide strategic advice, expertise and challenge to the Forestry Commission on implementing forestry and woodlands policy in England as well as advocating and championing forestry interests and woodland partnership working. There are currently nine separate regional FWACs across England, each consisting of between 10 and 12 individuals drawn from a range of sector interests.

We are looking for an independent Chair for our FWAC in South West England. The role will take up to 10 days work per annum, including:

- Chairing 3 regional FWAC meetings per year. These meetings will take place in varying locations within South West England.
- Twice a year the Chairs meet with England Forestry Commissioners and senior staff to discuss matters of particular importance.
- Occasional ad hoc meetings of committees, depending on local demands

The term of office for FWAC Chairs and members is usually for a term of three years, although there is the possibility of reappointment for a further term subject to satisfactory performance. Chairs and members are appointed as individuals and not as representatives of a particular organisation. While acting as an independent Chair, they will also be allocated to one of three chambers of interest that make up the spread of membership of the Committee: forest industry and land ownership; social, access and environment expertise; and local communities, economy and government interest.

The successful candidate will have first-hand knowledge of the strategic issues and major stakeholders' interests in the South West and will be able to identify opportunities where forestry can help make a difference. They will have significant experience within their field (whether in the public, private or voluntary sector) as well as excellent leadership skills, together with a track record of working with a range of complementary interests and expertise in a structured and outcome focused way.

A stipend of £2,648 per annum is payable together with travel and subsistence expenses at standard Forestry Commission rates.

Closing date: 5 July 2017. Short listed candidates will be invited to interview, scheduled for 27 July 2017 at Bullers Hill, Kennford, Nr Exeter, EX6 7XR.

For further details of the position and how to apply please visit the public appointments website <https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>

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Please quote ref SW-FWAC

* Forestry and Woodlands Advisory Committee is the working title of the Regional Advisory Committees as constituted under Section 37 of the Forestry Act 1967

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