

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (FINANCE)

The Mersey Gateway project provides a new six-lane toll bridge over the river Mersey, and delivers a new and improved 9.2km long link roads connecting the national motorway network in north Cheshire with Merseyside. Completed on time and on budget, the main crossing provides an iconic landmark structure. Together with the refurbished Silver Jubilee Bridge, over two million vehicles per month use the bridges with their free-flow tolling system for a quick and convenient crossing of the River Mersey. The annual revenue of the project is circa £60m.

The Mersey Gateway Crossings Board Ltd (MGCB) is the special purpose vehicle established by Halton Borough Council with the delegated authority to deliver the Mersey Gateway Bridge project, administering the contracts for the construction and maintenance of the new crossing and the tolling operation of both bridges.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Main Purpose of the Role:

Non-executive director is expected to focus on board matters and not stray into 'executive direction', thus providing an independent view of the company that is removed from day-to-day running.

Non-executive director is appointed to bring to the board:

- Independence;
- Impartiality;
- Wide experience;
- Special knowledge; and
- Personal qualities.

The non-executive director should bring an independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance and resources including; key appointments and standards of conduct.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- To provide advice and support to MGCB on the operational implications and effectiveness of proposals, focusing on how strategy translates into results;
- To perform a supervisory role by scrutinizing reporting from the Board on performance, and by challenging the Board on how well it is achieving its objectives;
- To provide general counsel on matters of concern;
- Advising on performance (including agreeing key performance indicators) operational issues (including the operational/delivery implications of proposals) and on the effective management of the Board;
- Sit on Audit Committee (possible future chair); and
- To sit on other committees as required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Non-Executive and/or Executive experience at main Board level or on Boards below the main Board in either the private and/or public sector is a key prerequisite;
- Suitable accountancy qualification, ability to chair Audit Committee;
- Previous experience of chairing Boards or sub-committees would be advantageous;
- Ability to analyse complex information and contribute to sound decision making;
- Ability to think creatively and to solve problems innovatively when required;
- Ability to contribute to the 'Governance' of the Board, ensuring it is open and honest in its work by contributing fully in the decision making process;
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with Directors and employees at all levels within the Board;
- The skill and ability to work as part of a team and in partnership with other key organisations;
- Knowledge of tolling systems during their operational phase would be advantageous; and
- You will have a significant track record in senior leadership roles in the private or public sector, including experience in one or more of the following sectors: infrastructure, construction, commercial or financial.