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Humber Strategy Advisor -

Strategic planning, partnership and investment

Candidate Information Pack

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1. Our organisation

Our organisation

We are the Environment Agency. We protect and improve the environment. Acting to reduce the impacts of a changing climate on people and wildlife is at the heart of everything we do. We reduce the risks to people, properties and businesses from flooding and coastal erosion. We protect and improve the quality of water, making sure there is enough for people, businesses, agriculture and the environment. Our work helps to ensure people can enjoy the water environment through angling and navigation. We look after land quality, promote sustainable land management and help protect and enhance wildlife habitats. And we work closely with businesses to help them comply with environmental regulations. We can't do this alone. We work with government, local councils, businesses, civil society groups and communities to make our environment a better place for people and wildlife.

Of course, none of this will be possible without the professionalism and dedication of our staff. We are committed to promoting equality and diversity in all we do, and to valuing the diversity of our workforce, customers and communities.

We're committed to helping our people to find new ways of working and to maintain our focus on creating a better place for people and wildlife. For more information on the Environment Agency and what we do, please visit:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/aboutus

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2. Salary and benefits

Join us in this role and you will enjoy the following benefits:

Grade Rate: £34,879.00

Location: Beverley, York, Lincoln, Leeds

Hours of work: 37 hours FTE, permanent

Leave entitlement: Your leave allowance in this role will be 27 days plus bank holidays (pro-rata - if part time or an assignment).

We also offer up to two days paid environmental outcome days each year. These give you the opportunity to take part in community activities with a clear environmental outcome for people and wildlife.

Pension: We will enrol you into the Environment Agency Pension Fund (EAPF) on commencing employment, if your employment contract is for 3 months or more. The EAPF is part of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). It is a career average scheme, which means you will build up benefits based on your pay each scheme year rather than your final salary.

We will base your pension contributions on your actual pay and you will receive tax and national insurance relief on your contributions. The pension contribution rates currently range between 5.5% to 12.5%. Whilst you are in the scheme we will also pay an employer contribution into your pension pot. We currently pay 18.5%, so this is a very generous scheme.

Work/life balance: We support flexible working hours and practices to help you strike a good balance between your work life and your personal life. We will also encourage you to keep developing your skills and professional knowledge throughout your career.



2. Salary and benefits continued

Diversity:

We are committed to diversity and inclusion. We aspire to be the best employer in the country for equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and want all our staff to feel valued and respected and to see this as a great place to work. From our EDI executive champions to our EDI employee networks, everyone has a part to play to embed equality, diversity and inclusion in our organisation. Diversity: it's in our nature.

Relocation:

If you need to relocate to take up this role, we might be able to offer financial help with this. This will depend on your circumstances, so if it's something you are interested in, please discuss it with us to find out what the options are.

Tenancy deposit loan:

Our Tenancy deposit loan scheme assists permanent employees and individuals employed directly by the Environment Agency on a Fixed Term Contract of more than 3 months, to cover the costs of a deposit for a privately rented home, which can sometimes act as a barrier to moving.

The scheme gives access to an interest free loan to pay for some, or all of, a deposit and can be paid back over a period of up to 12 months (or by the end of your fixed term contract, if you are employed for less than 12 months), directly from your monthly salary.



3. The role

Our advert describes the day to day activities of the role, the team it operates within and the skills/experience we're looking for from applicants. This information should be read in conjunction with the job family role profile that we've provided.

In the Environment Agency, our roles are grouped by grade and similar characteristics into one of seven job families. Job families describe the work undertaken in broad terms. This enables us to use generic profiles to broadly describe 80% of the key accountabilities, skills and experience for each job family at each grade.

The role of Humber Strategy Advisor fits into our Asset Management job family at grade 5.

As a member of the Humber team, you'll forge and manage relationships with strategic partners, working collaboratively to inform strategic plans and deliver activity that supports sustainable development, builds resilience to climate change and creates opportunities to improve the environment.

As part of the comprehensive review of the Humber Strategy, you'll lead work to support the development of a funding & investment strategy and to assess and maximise the value of flood risk management. You will provide technical advice to colleagues on strategic planning and economic growth. You'll maintain intelligence on environmental and growth priorities around the Humber to allow the provision of high quality advice to partners.

The Team

We focus on managing tidal flood risk around the Humber Estuary and tidal rivers, aiming to achieve social, economic and environmental outcomes. We work on a variety of Humber wide projects and activities, the most significant of which is the Comprehensive Review of the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy, which will redefine the approach to managing tidal risk over the next 100 years. We work with many partners and stakeholders in everything that we do.

Experience/skills

You will:

- have a relevant degree or relevant experience

- detailed understanding of relevant business practices and procedures to enable management of, or planning for, delivery across multidisciplinary teams.
- understand management of budgets, revenue and / or capital expenditure.
- have proven experience in building effective relationships with large numbers of people within and outside your organisation
- have excellent communication, influencing and networking skills
- be able to manage work and deliver results in a fast paced and changeable environment both to tight deadlines and over the long term
- work collaboratively to identify and solve challenges
- manage, interpret and convey complex information clearly, effectively and sensitively
- think strategically and understand wider implications of decisions and actions
- have an understanding of spatial planning and the land use planning system

Experience in the management of projects or programmes and of identifying, creating investment opportunities and economic assessment would be advantageous.

Accountabilities

- Works collaboratively to influence customers and build strong partnerships internally and externally. Understands issues and provides effective responses that deliver priorities while seeking to maintain a positive reputation.
- Advises and influences others on policies and practices equipping them with knowledge. Provides specialist advice in order to influence compliance with policy, legislation and best practice ways of working
- Produces documentation and reports to agreed quality standards to support priorities and ensure information, evidence and Environment Agency interests are accurately and effectively presented. These might be papers to support key management decisions.
- Provide expertise to support delivery of outcomes from our assets. This may involve advising teams and external partners in the execution of asset management activity, developing and implementing policy & processes.
- Produce and / or review documentation such as technical designs, risk assessments, reports or instructions to support management decisions and ways of working.
- Plan and manage progress of work in line with defined plans. Identify risks to the delivery of priorities, making appropriate action to resolve issues. Some roles manage internal and / or external resources.
- Develop and maintain relationships, internally and externally to minimise the risks associated with our assets. In some cases, may be required to represent the Environment Agency at local government and public meetings, or similar. Roles may be required to work

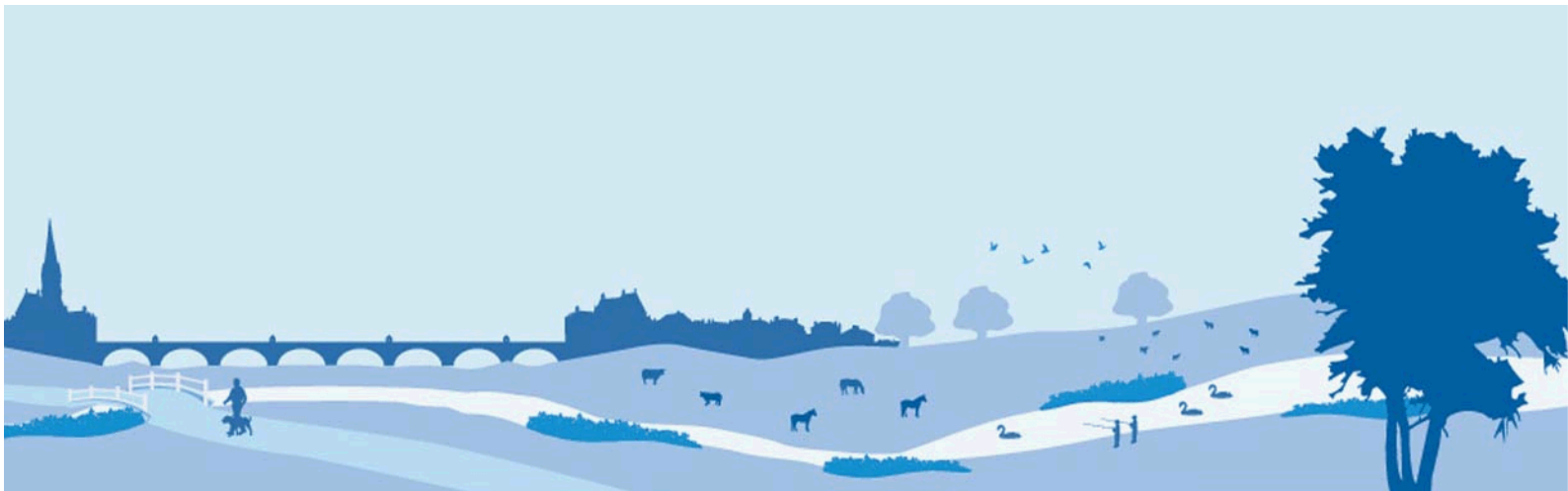
with colleagues across the Defra group to ensure services are delivered in the best way possible.

- May lead projects, usually to bring about effective change or improve business support services. May contribute to larger more complex projects.
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Competencies

You'll find a copy of the Environment Agency competency dictionary [here](#).

Capability	
Achieves results	Sets and delivers high work standards, demonstrates the drive to meet targets. Prioritises and organises tasks and resources to ensure timely achievement of results
Builds and sustains relationships	Develops and maintains effective working relationships
Influences and persuades others	Presenting a case in a convincing and attractive way that will win people over, encouraging them to follow plans willingly; often succeeding where logic and reason alone would fail
Takes Decisions and solves Problems	Finds and delivers optimal solutions by effectively analysing all the information, probing to develop alternatives and taking sound and timely decisions



4. Further Information

The Environment Agency values a diverse workforce and welcomes applications from all sections of the community who wish to join a workforce which embraces difference and welcomes everyone.

We aim to create and maintain a diverse workforce (including our Board and Executives) that better reflects the UK's economically active population. Therefore, we particularly welcome applications from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME), disabled, female and LGBT+ candidates who are under-represented across our workforce.

We will consider flexible working patterns for all our vacancies, including job share, so please include clearly any information regarding your preferred working arrangements on your application.

The team is dispersed, currently based in Beverley, York, Lincoln and Leeds. The post holder would be expected to work closely with the team, and colleagues based in East Midlands, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, along with Environment Agency national teams. You would spend most of your time in these office locations and travelling around the Humber area, sometimes further afield.

For further details please contact - Lucy Marshall on 07900136169 or lucy.marshall@environment-agency.gov.uk

Eligibility to apply and continuity of employment

Employment agency workers and contractors are considered to be external candidates and should therefore only apply for positions that are being advertised externally. They are also not eligible to claim continuity of employment should they be successful in securing a position with the Environment Agency.

If you have been a member of a Regional Flood and Coastal Committee in the last 12 months we will not be able to continue with your application based on agreed appointment rules related to employing ex-RFCC members. We would welcome an application from you once the 12 month period have passed.

For applicants who currently work in local government or other bodies listed in the Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government etc.) (Modification) Order 1999, you may be eligible for continuous service for the purpose of calculating any future redundancy payment. In addition, if you can demonstrate that you have worked at the Environment Agency immediately before joining the Civil Service and are now being re-employed by the Environment

Agency within a period of three years of leaving, you may also count your Civil Service employment for the purpose of calculating your service related entitlements as outlined above. If you are unsure of your status then you should contact your own HR Team.



4. Further Information

Pre-employment Checks

We apply the Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) check when recruiting staff to our posts. This includes a basic criminal records check.

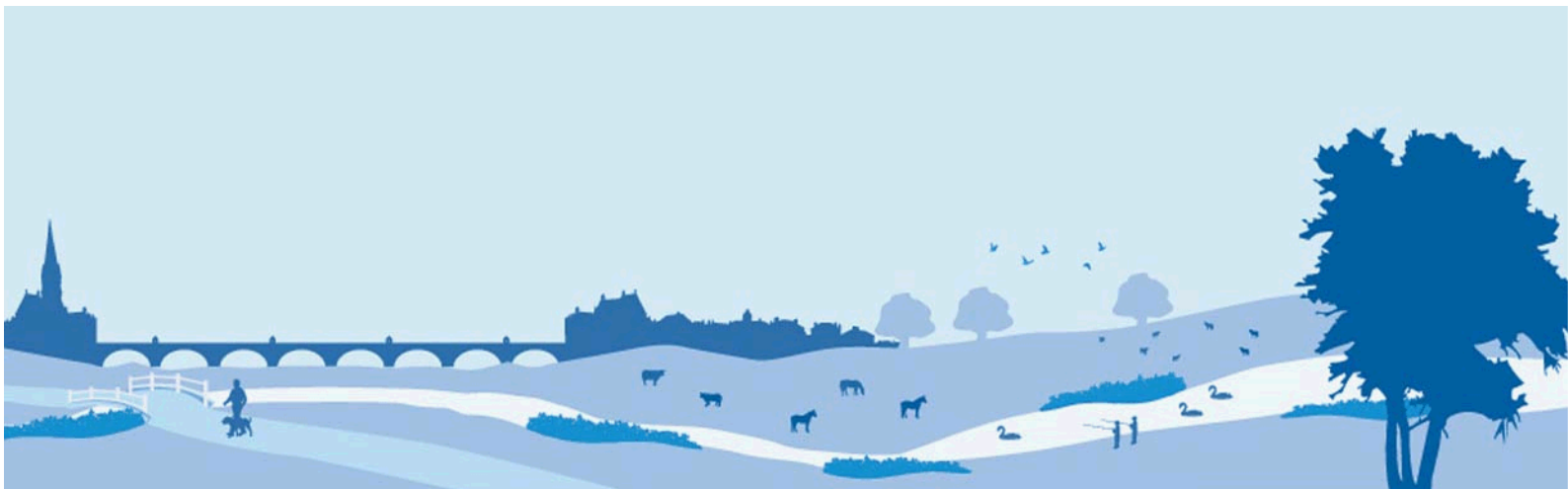
For the great majority of roles in the Environment Agency this will be sufficient and only certain roles will require a higher level of clearance. Should this be necessary, you will be advised of this during the recruitment process.

Positions based at our London office or roles that require frequent travel to London require CTC level security clearance. This will be confirmed to you during the recruitment process.

Want to find out more?

To find out more about what it's like to work at the Environment Agency, please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency/about/recruitment>





5. How to apply

We use an online recruitment system. To make the application process simple and straightforward, and so that you know how it works and what we need from you, we've put together a few hints and tips. Make sure you have all the information you need about the vacancy. For some jobs, you'll be asked to download a candidate pack, like this one, where you'll find specific application instructions.

The first thing you need to do is sign up to our recruitment system. You will need a valid e-mail address to log in and apply for opportunities, as all communication from us will be via e-mail. You can do this via the vacancy you are interested in by selecting '**Apply**' at the bottom of the advert.

Once you've clicked this link you'll then be asked:

- Do you have the right to live and work in the UK?
- Do you have the required qualifications or equivalent experience, which were stated in the job advert?
- Are you currently an employee of this organisation?

Simply answer yes or no and you can carry on with your application. You'll then see the '**Register**' page. Simply complete the details and select '**Submit Registration**' and register to the system. You only need to sign up to the system once; you'll just be able to login next time.

When it comes to the actual application, you need to fill out each section, please be aware that the system will automatically time out if you are inactive for more than 60 minutes. This will result in any unsaved information being lost so make sure you save what you are doing regularly. Once you've finished, your details and information will be saved on the system for any future applications – of course, you can edit your details at any point.



5. How to apply continued

When you apply to the Environment Agency for a job we will ask you to provide your personal data on our application form. We need this information so that we can establish your identity and your right to work in the UK.

You can read our Data Protection Statement on the application process page of our recruitment system. It is also available for reference on each page of the actual application.

Competence Questions/Statement

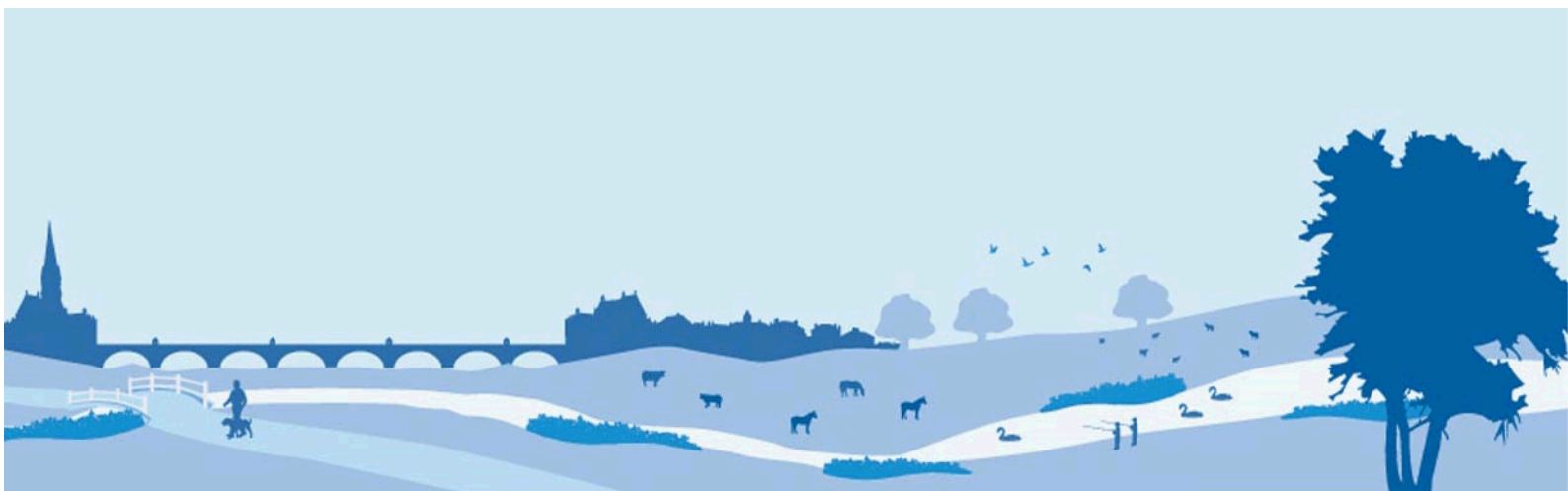
We're keen to know what makes you right for the job you're applying for and why we should ask you in for an interview. The competence questions/statements are your chance to convince us!

You should demonstrate how your skills, qualities and experience meet the requirements of the job (as described in the job advert and candidate pack). And instead of simply telling us, show us: use real life examples of where you've used a certain skill or how you've practically applied your experience.

There's a 250 word limit per competence including spaces. It's a really important part of the selection process so make sure you keep your statement relevant and concise. Think about what we need to know about you and what you'd bring to the role and our organisation.

Application questions

For some roles, we'll ask you some specific questions, like if you have a preferred work location. If you're disabled and you'd like to be part of our Guaranteed Interview Scheme, you can add this information in here.



5. How to apply continued

Equality and Diversity

We're committed to reflecting the communities we serve and we'd like you to tell us about yourself and your background.

Submitting your application

Once you've filled out and completed everything, you'll be prompted to submit your application. Simply click the button and you're done.

Please be aware that once you've submitted your application, with the exception of the 'Personal Details' section you will not be able to edit your application further. If you decide to withdraw your application, you will not be able to submit another application for the same vacancy.

If, at any stage, you have questions or problems, please contact the recruitment team on 0845 241 5350 or email ea_recruitment@sscl.gse.gov.uk

Setting up 'job alerts'

If you have been unsuccessful with your application you can set up email alerts for future vacancies. You will automatically receive an email when a job that matches your criteria becomes available. To do this simply click on '**create a new job alert**', enter your job criteria and save.