

Job description - Planning and environment manager (PB4)

Job summary

As Planning and Environment Manager, you will lead the Planning & Environment function and team in North England Forest District, building excellent professional relationships with internal and external stakeholders. Maximising natural capital delivery within a commercially underpinned business model across all activities, you will seek opportunities to support national programmes including the woodland creation programme and Biodiversity Action Plan. You will be working positively and collaboratively with all district and national staff and functions to improve outcomes. Delivering excellence in sustainable forest management across people, nature and economy, surpassing existing standards of UKFS and UKWAS.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

Strategic

- work strategically through demonstration at scale in support of modern and contemporary forestry
- focus on natural capital approaches; bigger, better, connected habitats and integrated land management approaches

Leadership and Representation

- lead and manage a team of 4 people representing the planning and environment function
- work cross-functionally in support of delivery teams
- provide professional and credible representation with external organisations e.g. National Parks, Natural England, Wildlife Trusts, RSPB
- be lead Forestry England representative on a number of partnership initiatives covering species and habitats from Ospreys and Wildwoods to Water voles and Border mires

Planning

- ensure compliance with key standards including UKFS and UKWAS
- maximise Natural Capital delivery within a commercially underpinned business model maintaining an appropriate balance between people, nature and economy
- ensure up to date and relevant information is incorporated within strategic, design and operational plans

Environment

- work closely with other function leads and teams ensure opportunities, constraints and threats in relation to environmental factors, species and habitats are fully realised, managed and controlled

Developments

- support planning and development of new opportunities within the district, providing ecological and wider expertise and capacity as required

Spatial Data and GIS

- oversee management of Forest District spatial data sets, taking lead responsibility for timber production forecasting driven by accurate inventory

And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.

Location-specific information (optional)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- demonstrate experience of managing conflicting priorities and be able to demonstrate strong analytical and communication skills
- demonstrate experience of leading the development of strategic and operational plans that have ownership and are deliverable
- competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications

Desirable professional and technical experience

- competent user of GIS

Qualifications

Essential

- educated to degree level, with a degree or equivalent qualification in forestry, ecology or similar discipline
- member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters (or equivalent for environmental disciplines)

This post will involve some travel around the District and occasional travel elsewhere in England. Therefore applicants need to hold and continue to hold, a full current driving licence that enables them to drive in the UK (or be able to use public transport) and should be willing to occasionally stay away from home overnight.