

Centre for Public Appointments

Geospatial Commission Co-Chairs

Body:	Geospatial Commission
Appointing Department:	Cabinet Office
Sectors:	Business, Finance & Skills, Science & Technology
Location:	London
Number of Vacancies:	2
Remuneration:	£28,000 p.a.

Time Requirements:	The Commission will formally meet around nine times a year. There will be significant other commitments for both Chairs throughout the year to provide the leadership and engagement with stakeholders needed to establish a credible new government body. The time commitment is therefore expected to be one day per week, per Chair, although this may be heavier whilst the Commission is being established.
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Campaign Timeline

Competition Launched
23/02/2018

Closed for Applications
09/03/2018

Panel Sift
16/03/2018

Final Interview Date

23/03/2018

Announcement

30/03/2018

Vacancy Description

The Government is seeking two outstanding leaders to Chair the Commission who can appropriately reflect the views of the open data community, business, and the public bodies providing such data. These Co-Chairs will work together to lead around eight Commissioners drawn from the private, public, and third sectors to develop an ambitious, sustainable strategy for UK geospatial data. The Commission will be supported by a Geospatial Unit that will act as the secretariat, support development of analysis, and help co-ordinate delivery of the Commission's recommendations. The establishment of the Commission provides many opportunities as well as challenges, and as such we are seeking Chairs who possess the ability to make effective strategic decisions quickly, and the energy and enthusiasm to see them through.

The Commission's first responsibility is to develop and implement the UK's first Geospatial Strategy, basing it on strong analysis and identification of clear opportunities for the public and private sectors. In the short term, this is likely to include:

- Establishing a forward workplan for the Commission, in particular identifying early opportunities for delivering value to the UK
- Working with Ordnance Survey to establish how to open up OS MasterMap data, in particular to UK-based small businesses, under an Open Government Licence or alternative mechanism, while maintaining the OS's strategic strengths
- Establishing a prominent and well-respected profile for the Commission across the data community, business, academia, and other stakeholders
- Working with Government to appoint other members of the Commission

Ongoing responsibilities:

- Strategic leadership of the Commission

- Providing expert, impartial advice to the government on geospatial data, including advice on prioritisation and value for money
- Building broad cross-sector support and consensus around Commission recommendations
- Effectively allocating Commission Budgets to target high-value opportunities
- Monitoring performance of public sector bodies responsible for delivering the geospatial strategy
- Chairing Commission meetings, working with the government to ensure the Commission has the right balance of skills, and ensuring the Commission conforms to the highest levels of propriety
- Directing other Commissioners' input, harnessing their skills, experience and expertise
- Engaging with stakeholders, including government, industry, academia, interest groups and the public
- Representing the Commission in public, including in the media and at industry events

Person Specification

Capabilities

- A highly-regarded leader, with the ability to lead effective boards and organisations
- Ability to provide robust, independent advice, under a high level of public interest and scrutiny, and use a public profile to build consensus
- Credibility with government, the data community, industry, and the public
- Ability to process complex information, take a long-term view and weigh probabilities to reach clear conclusions
- Clear communication of complex topics
- An understanding of geospatial data and its applications, especially to business

Experience

- Experience of strategic leadership at senior levels of government, academia or business.
- Track record of communicating and influencing at the highest levels
- Experience of representing organisations in public, including in the media and with a range of stakeholders
- Understanding or experience of growing a company in the digital economy

Additional Information

Board Structure

Whilst the intention is to appoint Co-Chairs, the Minister may decide to appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair, or solely a Chair.

Commencement of Appointment

Successful candidates would ideally be able to take up the post in April 2018.

Location

The secretariat is based in London.

Remuneration

The Co-Chairs of the Commission will be paid an annual fee of £28,000 each. Reasonable travel expenses and subsistence will be reimbursed where appropriate. The role is not pensionable.

Period of Appointment

The appointment will be for a fixed term of 3 years, with a potential to be re-appointed for a second term.

Conflicts of Interest

The Commission advises on issues with wide implications across the economy and society more broadly. Potential conflicts of interest from a financial, business or public policy point of view must be declared and discussed at interview.

How to Apply

Applicants are requested to submit:

- A CV with relevant achievements in recent posts, full employment history, and educational and professional qualifications.
- A short supporting statement of not more than two pages giving evidence and examples of your ability to succeed in this role.
- A range of alternative dates, should the proposed interview date prove unworkable.
- Preferred telephone and email contact details for all correspondence.
- Completed versions of the attached monitoring and political activity questionnaire.
- Details of at least two possible referees. References may be taken up prior to interview, and with the prior consent of the

candidate.

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Attachments

[Geospatial Commission Co-Chair Annexes](#)

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