

**Employer:** East West Railway Company  
**Location:** Milton Keynes  
**Basis:** Permanent

## **A little bit about us:**

East West Rail is a new direct connection, linking communities between Oxford and Cambridge, including Bicester, Milton Keynes and Bedford by rail. Oxford, Cambridge and the communities in between are renowned for their vibrant economy, educational excellence and scientific innovation. They deliver growth and prosperity both locally and for the whole country; connecting these two cities and the communities in between is crucial to the social and economic future of the region.

East West Railway Company was set up to accelerate the delivery of the East West Rail infrastructure and passenger services, bringing faster journey times and easing pressure on local roads.

We were set up by the Secretary of State for Transport in 2017 to do things differently. We aim to innovate, positively disrupt, and challenge the status-quo, leading to quicker and more cost-effective project delivery, and an improved experience for passengers and the communities we serve.

## **Role Summary:**

Sponsor the development of policies, and key workstreams to improve scope clarity, influence decisions and drive project benefits.

## **Team dimensions:**

- Reports to one of three Programme Sponsors in the Sponsorship & Assurance Team.
- Key interfaces include members of the business case team, sponsorship and assurance team and strategy and transformation team.
- Project Sponsor's will have close relationships with project managers and product leads in EWR Co's Customer Services, Delivery and Engineering directorates.

## **Responsibilities and accountabilities:**

- Drive the delivery of benefits and outcomes
  - Lead specific policy workstreams to influence decisions making, by appraising options and providing recommendations to the business. Project Sponsor
  - Build and manage effective relationships with stakeholders to help deliver the Sponsor's requirements and achieves EWR Co's outcomes.
  - Support the Programme Sponsors in instructing scope and managing scope change.
  - Coordinate workstreams across the business, managing competing requirements and identifying opportunities to develop the project's scope.

- In addition, each of the roles may include the specific activities below:
  - Identify, pursue and negotiate commercial and funding opportunities with third parties
  - Working with Network Rail and key industry stakeholders to ensure that infrastructure and operating interfaces between EWR and the national rail network are resilient, high performing and have sufficient capacity to achieve EWR's outcomes.
  - Work with internal and external stakeholders to ensure that the EWR delivers Government's wider rail industry objectives
  - Lead on the monitoring and evaluation of benefits

### **Experience and skills:**

Sponsorship and / or project management in a major project:

- Making presentations and preparing written briefings on technical and commercial issues
- Experience of developing options and influencing decisions
- Working in a dynamic and fast paced environment
- Socially aware with the desire to promote inclusivity and diversity.

### **What we offer:**

- Competitive base salary
- Up to 12% employer's pension contribution
- 36 days holiday a year (including bank holidays) + up to 2 days to buy
- Life assurance
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Perks platform with hundreds of discounts and freebies
- On-the-spot and annual awards
- Advanced learning and development programmes
- Great work-life balance and flexible working opportunities
- Enhanced family-friendly policies
- Exceptional IT tools

EWR Co strives to embrace a flexible working environment, where a degree of flexibility is maintained to accommodate both the needs and preferences of employees and what is required to achieve business objectives. EWR Co will always work with any individual to assess and accommodate an individual's work life balance and style.

### **Join the team!**

Please send your resume and a covering letter explaining why you are interested in the role and meet the above experience requirements to: [recruitment@eastwestrail.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@eastwestrail.co.uk)