

Programme Sponsor – Governance and Assurance

Employer:	East West Railway Company
Location:	Milton Keynes
Basis:	Permanent
Role Summary:	Sponsoring successful outcomes on the EWR Co. programme.
Team dimensions:	Reporting to Head of Sponsorship & Assurance within the Strategy Team and

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.

As we build our team, we're looking for people with the right skills and mindset so that we can innovate, positively disrupt and set new industry standards. Whether you've been working on some of the world's most exciting rail and infrastructure projects or can inspire us with your ideas and expertise from other sectors, we want to hear from you.

Responsibilities and accountabilities

- Realise the East West Rail Company's Integrated Assurance Strategy by maintaining and leading delivery of the Project's Integrated Assurance and Approvals Plan
- Manage integration with Client (Department for Transport) and Delivery Partner (including Network Rail) governance and compliance requirements
- Lead assurance activities including stage gate and peer reviews
- Improve business governance and assurance maturity, including through identifying and implementing best practice
- Undertake risk assessment of business governance and assurance processes to drive continuous process improvement
- Negotiate with stakeholders to gain consensus when differences of opinion relating to governance and assurance occur
- Integrate project benefits realisation into the Governance and Assurance process

Team dimensions

- Reports directly to Head of Sponsorship & Assurance
- Given the early stage of the project, it is likely that the nature of the role may evolve as the project progresses. It is also possible that other ad-hoc activities and duties may be required

Experience and skills

1. An understanding of the role Sponsorship plays in supporting successful project outcomes
2. Experience of leading assurance in large projects programmes or delivering complex business change
3. Knowledge of project assurance frameworks with an ability to apply them successfully
4. Commercial experience, balancing conflicting priorities and assessing risk
5. Ability to hold business functions to account, including by leading stage gate reviews
6. Comfortable working in complex and ambiguous environments
7. Able to communicate clearly and at senior level to a wide range of stakeholders

What we offer:

- Competitive base salary
- Up to 20% bonus based on individual and company performance
- Up to 12% employer's pension contribution
- 25 days holiday a year (plus the 8 English bank holidays) + up to 5 days to buy
- Life insurance
- 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

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**