

Head of Sponsorship 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 directly to Strategy and Sponsorship Director. Line Manager of Functional Sponsors. Head of Profession for all Sponsorship activity.

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

- Accountable for the delivery of the programme benefits in line with the business case and funding envelope
- Accountable for ongoing development, refresh and oversight of the business case compliant with Department for Transport's Green Book 5 case approach
- Accountable for building and maintaining successful stakeholder relationships with all functions
- Accountable for key stakeholder relationships and implementation of successful stakeholder management in collaboration with the Communications Team
- Responsible for acting as an advocate for the programme and the company at all times
- Responsible for the commercial interfaces
- Accountable for 2nd line assurance of programme delivery and coordination of 3rd line assurance of programme delivery.
- Accountable for line management of a team of Programme Sponsors
- Accountable for assurance that programme decisions being taken within the appropriate governance and timely resolution or escalation of issues
- Accountable for requirements and scope which deliver the programme benefits and are appropriate to the configuration states
- Accountable as head of discipline / profession for Sponsorship Activity and professional development including the embedding of policy, process and practice across the organisation.
- Accountable for integration of Sponsorship as an activity across the business and programme delivery

Team dimensions

- You will be reporting directly to the Strategy and Sponsorship Director. Line Manager of Functional Sponsors. Head of Profession for all Sponsorship activity.
- 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

- Extensive experience of applying requirements and benefits management
- Demonstrable experience of leadership roles in major projects, programmes or complex business and change
- Experience of undertaking and leading assurance activities on projects in excess of £500m
- Experience of significant lien management and people development including building teams and managing high performing teams
- Experience of project management frameworks with an ability to apply them successfully on complex projects or programmes
- Demonstrable ability to integrate seamlessly with internal & external stakeholders
- Comfortable with ambiguity with an ability to translate technical language to multiple audiences

- Extensive experience of Sponsorship with credibility and an ability to lead the Sponsor profession at EWR
- A proven ability to influence, at all levels with a high degree of commercial acumen
- An excellent communicator with high levels of self-awareness and emotional intelligence

Education and qualifications

- Degree educated with a minimum of associate level membership of an appropriate professional institute

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