



Commercial Manager Havant Thicket Reservoir

Portsmouth Water is developing a new reservoir in Hampshire, the first in the UK in almost 40 years. This will help us to secure reliable drinking water in Hampshire for years to come. The reservoir will be built on the grassland site next to Havant Thicket, located between Rowlands Castle, Leigh Park and Staunton Country Park in Havant. In addition to providing new supplies for the water-stressed South East, it will also create a new green, leisure facility for local communities. The reservoir is being developed in collaboration with Southern Water. This is the largest project ever undertaken by Portsmouth Water and will cost around £130 Million.

This project is currently in the early stages with the main procurement package just being launched. At present it is heavily supported by an outsourced team and we are now commencing a process of building a permanent team of resources.

Critical to the success of the programme will be robust financial controls, budgeting, cost assessment and close liaison with the delivery team. There is also a need to manage certain regulatory reporting activities. Therefore, we are looking for someone with experience in project accounting ideally within a large or complex programmes.

The successful candidate will be able to bridge between understanding the status of project delivery and providing clear and transparent financial reporting. It will require close team working with other project specialists including procurement and programme delivery engineers. Experience of working in other large programmes is essential and ideally experience with ERP systems.

Whilst the role has a significant finance component a successful candidate could be from an engineering background with high levels of financial literacy and practical experience.

Good attention to detail, highly organised with excellent verbal and written communication skills are a given for any applicant applying for this role along with an ability to work at all times in line with our values of Excellence, Respect and Integrity.

This will be a demanding role reporting direct to the Project Director. The role will also provide support when required to the wider Portsmouth Water business including liaison with the Finance and Regulation teams.

Circa £50K plus benefits

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Applicants should send a CV outlining current salary with 2 referees.

Apply to: Ian Limb, Head of HR, PO Box 8, Havant, Hants PO9 1LG

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We are happy to consider flexible working arrangements. This can include alternative days / hours of work or work location. Please specify any request in your application.

More information of the reservoir can be found at www.portsmouthwater.co.uk/new-reservoir

Closing date: 12 FEBRUARY 2021