

Job title: Director of Local London
Salary: £xk to £x TBC

Introduction

Local London is one of four sub-regional partnerships in the UK's capital city. Founded in 2016, we are a partnership of nine local authorities in north east and south east London. Our member authorities are Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Havering, Newham, Enfield, Redbridge, and Waltham Forest. We're a champion for the fastest growing part of the capital to ensure it benefits from current and emerging opportunities.

We represent around 2.6 million residents and 100,000 businesses. Our population makes us larger than the cities of Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool combined.

The nine boroughs have a shared vision of a vibrant, dynamic and prosperous region and have come together to create a new enhanced role for our sub-region. A role that recognises the potential of our boroughs at the heart of London's economic growth. Most of all this role should support Boroughs transform the life chances of our residents.

The partnership is led by a Joint Committee of the Leaders/Mayor and Chief Executives. There are two supporting Boards for Skills & Employment, and for Growth & Recovery. There is an established team overseeing programmes, policy and governance.

Purpose and responsibilities

The role is to provide strategic leadership to the Local London sub-region developing and delivering joint programmes of work which meet the ambitions of the partnership namely delivering growth and improving outcomes for residents. The role will entail identifying opportunities and developing a case for greater devolution to Local London and working with London's other sub-regional partnerships to negotiate effective and meaningful relationships with Government in relation to the transfer of powers, responsibilities and budgets. This means working closely with the GLA and London Councils to ensure that the views of Local London are recognised across the capital.

It is a key post which will:

- Provide both policy support and strategic direction for the partnership, reporting to Leaders, Mayors and Chief Executives of the sub-region
- Build the profile of the sub-region among key stakeholders including the Government, GLA and businesses
- Influence the policies of relevant national, regional and sub-regional bodies on major issues affecting Local London
- Develop relationships with other sub-regional partnership to ensure a co-ordinated approach to devolution negotiations for London

- Work with the key economic corridors of the Thames Estuary and the Innovation Corridor
- Work with local authorities in the partnership to develop opportunities for devolution to the sub-region and to the boroughs
- Ensure effective delivery of responsibilities devolved from government
- Provide leadership in the development and delivery of policy and strategy for Local London
- Be accountable for the financial management of Local London budgets and any other income secured by the sub-region
- Take a lead on lobbying for key issues that are in the shared interests of member Councils and their residents
- Represent the interests of the Local London boroughs in regional and national meetings and position the sub-region centrally within the London policy landscape
- Undertake collaborative projects, initiatives and any other activities as instructed by Leaders, Mayors and Chief Executives of the partnership
- Manage processes including performance reporting, business planning, and outcomes reports for the sub-region
- Prepare and submit sub-regional responses to national and regional policy proposals

Person Specification

The criteria listed in this Person Specification are all essential to the job.

- Vision and leadership capacity to develop and implement an ambitious work programme on behalf of Local London and its key partners
- Proven record of successfully managing the delivery of complex, high value and multi-stakeholder programmes and projects including in the public sector
- Ability to work in a fast-changing and highly demanding environment and effectively respond to external developments
- Thorough knowledge of the public policy agenda and likely challenges and opportunities in public service delivery over the coming five years
- Demonstrable success in negotiation and high-level networking and stakeholder engagement
- Ability to promote and maintain collaborative working relationships, especially at a senior level

- Experience of working with public and private sector bodies to achieve economic growth and improved outcomes
- Experience of managing project teams with membership across different organisations and partnerships
- Ability to manage budgets and a range of sources of incomes including project specific grants
- Ability to analyse and evaluate complex information, including statistics and present clearly to both specialist and non-specialist audiences
- Positioning policy-related research and advocacy for maximum impact

Relevant academic qualifications and professional experience