

2. The Role of the Chief Executive

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD NORTHERN IRELAND

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive is a key senior post in the development of public services and infrastructure for the people of Northern Ireland. Working directly with Ministers and senior officials, the Chief Executive will take responsibility for ensuring that identified investment priorities are taken forward using a mixture of public and private funds. These investments will be made alongside a programme of reforms in public service delivery on which the Chief Executive will be expected to advise. An Acting Chief Executive has overseen the establishment of the SIB during 2003, and the new appointee will be expected to continue to develop the organisation and promote the role of the SIB. The Chief Executive will be supported by a small team of highly motivated professionals recruited or seconded from specialist companies.

Reporting to the Chair of the SIB and the Secretary of State (during the suspension of devolution), the Chief Executive's key functions are as follows:

- Help to deliver priority projects and programmes agreed by Ministers, providing practical and consistent advice to Ministers on investment safety and delivery.
- Work with Departments and the private sector to ensure competitive interest in investment projects in Northern Ireland.
- In conjunction with Departments, develop an Executive Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland.
- Assume the Accounting Officer role for the SIB, with overall responsibility for the organisation's finances and compliance.
- Manage a sizeable budget and build a local team of highly motivated professional staff from a variety of backgrounds.
- Together with the Chair of the SIB, act as the SIB's public representative in the media and elsewhere.

The specific duties and responsibilities of the role will be:

- Responsibility for taking forward and maintaining momentum on priority projects and programmes given to the SIB for delivery by Ministers
- Interface with Departments and private sector bid teams to ensure competitive interest in investment projects in Northern Ireland
- Carrying out duties prescribed under the Articles of Association and the Memorandum of Association of the Strategic Investment Board Ltd
- Taking responsibility for the development and publication of the Executive Investment Strategy
- Responsibility for "signing off" projects on behalf of SIB
- Responsibility for delivery of SIB's financial accounting, budgeting and financial control and reporting
- Accounting Officer role including overall responsibility for the audit trail
- Providing leadership and direction for the SIB staff and secondees
- Responsibility for ensuring that the SIB meets all legislative requirements
- Encouraging and promoting business culture and values within SIB
- Promoting equality of opportunity and a harmonious working environment
- Responsibility for preparation and co-ordination of the Annual Report.

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Candidates will need to be able to demonstrate the following key competencies:

<p>To succeed, you will need to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding ability as a dynamic leader, with experience of working at Chief Executive or Board level of an organisation with revenues and/or budgets of at least £30 million.• Direct and personal experience of working with the public sector on the delivery of projects involving multiple stakeholders and substantial infrastructure investment and/or improvements in public service delivery.• A proven track record in winning the confidence of Ministers and others through an ability to understand complex, sensitive political issues combined with excellent communication and media skills.• Strong commercial and financial skills with experience of Public Private Partnerships.• A powerful record as a change leader, able to drive comprehensive culture change across large and complex organisations with multiple stakeholders.• The ability to work with a wide range of different partnerships and stakeholders.
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NORTHERN IRELAND	Salary of up to £150,000, with the possibility that more would be available for a candidate with exceptional skills, experience or qualifications.
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The Strategic Investment Board (SIB) is helping to implement an ambitious programme of infrastructure investment in Northern Ireland worth over £2 billion in the coming years. Working with public sector procurement bodies in Northern Ireland, it plays a key role in securing best value for money in public investment, improving public sector procurement using Public Private Partnerships, and instigating change in infrastructure investment and delivery across Northern Ireland.

The Strategic Investment Board now wishes to recruit a Chief Executive to lead its far-reaching programme of activities. These include developing an Executive Investment Strategy; implementing the Strategic Investment Programme; and advising government Departments and other public bodies on the reform of public services in Northern Ireland. This will be a position with real influence in Northern Ireland, helping to put in place the infrastructure that will have a direct impact on the quality of life of the people of Northern Ireland.

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