

RICS Knowledge and Practice Committee Member and Land and Natural Resources Professional Group Panel Chair

Role Description

Background

We are the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), a leading professional body working in the public interest to advance knowledge, uphold standards, and inspire current and future professionals. Our members help to create and protect built and natural environments that are sustainable, resilient and inclusive for all.

At RICS our people work inclusively with our members, collaborating to support them in their practice and build connections. We set qualifications and independently regulate chartered professionals and firms, building trust and confidence with clients and consumers. With a heritage of over 150 years, RICS sets the standard for over 130,000 members and candidates operating in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure across more than 140 countries globally.

Our trusted data and insight guides decision makers and governments helping to shape public policy, deliver positive societal change and provide a foundation for confident markets. Our members influence the quality of lives, underpin societies and drive economies. Everything we do supports our current and future membership to uphold, advance and inspire professionalism for the benefit of society.

This is a dual role - as a member of the Knowledge and Practice Committee (KPC) and Chair of the Land and Natural Resources (L&NR) Professional Group Panel (PGP).

KPC

The purpose of the KPC is to develop and improve the knowledge and professional practice of surveyors including:

- Develop and advise on relevant information, training, and best practice materials to support professional development needs.
- Develop and advise on a program of research, thought leadership and influential content to amplify the voice of the profession on the issues that are most important to Members, the natural and built environment and public interest.
- Work closely with the Standards and Regulation Board on the development of technical standards and technical competences for APC pathways.
- Develop and support networked communities, working groups, forums and special interest groups that are connected to the PGP and KPC.
- Engage with Members in the relevant sector and key stakeholders to promote the value of RICS.

KPC is currently chaired by Simon Rawlinson (Chair) MRICS. Details of the other members of KPC can be found here: [Knowledge and Practice Committee \(KPC\)](#)

L&NR PGP

The L&NR PGP covers the rural, geomatics, planning & development, minerals & waste and environment professional groups, plus the market areas of infrastructure & compulsory purchase, telecoms, water and energy. This PGP is engaged in raising the profile of members working across the L&NR sectors and promoting entry to the profession at early and mid-career stages, contributing to RICS' responses to the UK Government's consultations on planning, land use and housing delivery and various other actions relating to the L&NR sectors.

The current work in which the L&NR PGP is engaged and details of current members of the L&NR PGP can be found here: [Land and Natural Resources](#)

Role

The PGP Chair is a non-executive position appointed from within RICS' membership. The L&NR PGP Chair will report to the Chair of the KPC.

The primary role of the L&NR PGP Chair will be to provide leadership to the L&NR PGP ensuring that the panel fulfils its duties in accordance with the terms of reference for the panel. The L&NR PGP Chair also serves as a member of the KPC.

The main objectives for the role are:

As KPC Member:

- To contribute actively to the work of the KPC.
- To participate fully in meetings of the KPC, considering proposals coming-forward and providing the appropriate level of objectiveness and constructive challenge where needed.
- To share L&NR PGP plans with the KPC, obtain feedback and escalate issues where appropriate to do so.
- To act with integrity, honesty, and independence of thought.

As L&NR PGP Chair:

- To provide leadership for the L&NR PGP in the planning and coordination of the panel's work, including producing forward plans and agreeing agenda, and exercising control over the smooth running of the panel's meetings.
- To provide leadership for the L&NR PGP in obtaining insight relating to the sector with regard to challenges and changes which inform the executive delivery pipeline.
- To exercise skill in retaining the meeting's focus during discussions and maintaining effective use of time.
- To involve all members in discussion and value diverse views, whilst aiming to reach a consensus wherever possible.
- To create effective, collaborative, constructive working relations and practices with key members of the executive to achieve goals as a partnership.

- To report to and attend other governance and engagement body meetings as required.
- To provide a market sounding board for the executive on issues facing the profession.
- Where appropriate to represent the RICS in a public forum.

Person Specification

Part One: Knowledge and Experience

- RICS-qualified with non-executive and governance experience.
- Experience of working in and knowledge of the L&NR sectors.
- Understanding of RICS' need to balance public and member interest.
- Experience of working in a collaborative and consensus environment or working on committees and within a committee structure.
- Knowledge of likely future challenges and opportunities facing the L&N sector.
- Knowledge of future skills members will need to enable them to continue to provide value to clients and customers.
- Understanding of industry/sector trends
- Experience of engaging and communicating with RICS members.

Part Two: Skills and Abilities

- Able to lead teams and support effective decision-making.
- Comfortable challenging processes, influencing outcomes, and resolving conflicts.
- Skilled in chairing meetings, presenting, managing time, and communicating effectively.
- Experience engaging with industry leaders and other key stakeholders.
- Able to critically review reports and evaluations.

Part Three: Personal Style and Attributes

- High integrity and ethical standards.
- Fair, with sound judgment.
- Engaging, transparent, and collaborative.
- Committed to the role's responsibilities.
- Passionate about RICS and enhancing member experience.

Accountability

The L&NR PGP is accountable to KPC.

Time Commitment

Commitment required for the role:

- Attending 4 KPC meetings per year in person. These are normally half a day in length with a full day planning day taking place once a year.
- Chairing 4 PGP meetings (mainly virtual, each meeting 2 hours long).
- Preparation for PGP meetings, agenda setting, etc. which is normally 1 hour per PGP.
- Building KPC and PGP relationships outside of the meetings, answering queries, etc on an ad-hoc basis.

- Chairing a RICS conference and input into the conference is not an essential requirement of the role but often does become part of it.
- Annual Evaluation with KPC Chair and L&NR PGP members (1 day).

There is the opportunity to use the role for further work with RICS, but it is important that this is done with the capacity the individual has. It is completely recognised it is a voluntary role and the RICS executive will work with the individual to ensure it is manageable.

Term of Appointment

The initial term of office for the role will be for a term of up to three years.

The successful candidate may be re-appointed for additional terms up to a maximum aggregate period of appointment of six years in accordance with the process set out in the RICS Global Appointments Model.

Expenses

All reasonable expenses incurred for attending in person KPC and/or PGP meetings will be reimbursed in line with RICS expenses policy.