



JOB SPECIFICATION – BOARD MEMBER

The duties of a Board Member are considered to be on a par with those of a Director for a company, in addition to which there are obligations, responsibilities and statutory duties peculiar to the Trust. In particular they will act as completely independent Trustees for the benefit of all Stakeholders in the Trust including all port users and the local community and will abide by the principles of good corporate governance set out in this guidance.

The Trust's primary duty (*and therefore that of a Board Member*) shall be to take such steps as they consider necessary or expedient for the improvement, maintenance and management of the Fowey Harbour and the accommodation and facilities afforded or in connection with the Fowey Harbour with a recognition of the port's role in the region.

A Board Member is expected to act with independent judgement, to use their skills and experience for the benefit of the Board, to be committed to working in the best interests of the Harbour, to devote the necessary time to carry out the functions of a Board Member and to undertake such training as specified by the Board and the Department for Transport from time to time.

A Board Member will be familiar with the area served by the port of Fowey and have special knowledge, experience or an ability which provides the board with an appropriate overall balance of skills competencies and experience. Entrepreneurial skills need to be balanced with a public service commitment. Common requirements are likely to include:

- Commerce expertise
- maritime expertise
- health and safety
- management
- public relations and community issues
- industrial relations
- shipping, fishing and cargo handling
- accountancy or financial management
- boating and other water related leisure activities
- environmental matters affecting harbours and
- any other skills and abilities considered from time to time by the Commissioners to be relevant to the discharge by them of their functions

In assessing potential board members against the above criteria, relevant life experience and track record should be considered as important as skills obtained through a conventional career path and professional qualifications.

We believe we will be most effective and more representative of our stakeholders if we are constituted by members with a broad and diverse range of backgrounds and perspectives. We welcome and hope to encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates.