

Job Title:	Project Lawyer
Post Ref No:	MGCB 21
Grade:	MGCB N
Responsible to:	Chief Executive
Responsible for:	N/A

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOB:

The Mersey Gateway Crossings Board Ltd (the Board) is special purpose vehicle being established by Halton Borough Council with the delegated authority to deliver the Mersey Gateway Bridge project and to administer and oversee the construction and maintenance of the new tolled crossing including the tolling of the existing Silver Jubilee Bridge. The Board's terms of reference and delegated authority are expressed in a Governance Agreement with the Council, which is set up to last for sixty years. The project construction costs are estimated at £600m with a total whole life cost of circa £2bn. Once operating the Board will oversee a concession business with annual turnover of circa £70m.

The Project Lawyer will be the sole internal legal adviser to the Crossings Board with access to specialist external legal support to ensure that the Board benefits from robust legal advice across a wide range of commercial undertakings and statutory responsibilities.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1 Provide high quality legal advice to the Board to ensure effective corporate governance covering risk planning, statutory responsibilities and to contribute to the resolution of contractual disputes presented for a Board decision.
- 2 Providing legal advice to a small team of Contract Administrators and Technical Specialists during the day to day discharge of client obligations in the contractual agreements for the Mersey Gateway Bridge project.
- 3 Lead on any contractual disputes and land compensation tribunal/adjudication claims, dealing directly with senior legal representatives of the counterparty organisations.
- 4 Provide legal interpretation of the Board's contractual obligations that will contribute to the establishment of business processes and staff guidance to ensure the delivery of high quality performance across the team that satisfies contractual obligations.
- 5 Liaise and lead in negotiations with third parties and their legal advisers on matters connected with the Mersey Gateway Bridge project.
- 6 Lead on the amendment of, or extensions to, existing statutory powers required to

prepare the project for toll operations

- 7 The duties and responsibilities in this job description are not exhaustive. The post holder may be required to undertake other duties that may be required from time to time within the general scope of the post. Any such duties should not substantially change the general nature of the post. This role description should develop along with the changing demands of MGCB objectives and priorities

This job description is not intended to be either prescriptive or exhaustive; it is issued as a framework to outline the main areas of responsibility.

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