

Associate Director – Place, Housing & Economic Investment

Competitive Salary, Car Allowance and Local Government Pension Scheme

Location: Edinburgh with flexibility

Permanent full-time role

The COVID pandemic has tested Scotland’s resilience. This has made us all think about the relationships we have with the places and environments where we live and work, the strength and capabilities of our communities and businesses and how we access the services we need.

Responding to this challenge and how we combine these relationships to deliver integrated investment and development opportunities, is very much the focus of our Place, Housing & Economic Investment (‘PHEI’) team: working with others, we will help deliver a difference for Scotland.

To support this activity, we are **seeking an experienced professional** to strengthen the PHEI team and its deliverability capability.

For more than a decade the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) has been at the forefront of improving public sector infrastructure across Scotland. Established by Scottish Government as a centre of infrastructure expertise, we provide additional skills, resource and knowledge to public sector organisations, supporting them to build resilient and sustainable places, drive inclusive economic growth and transition to a net zero society.

Having Scotland’s economy front of mind, our aim is:

“to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of infrastructure investment and use in Scotland by working collaboratively with public bodies and industry, leading to better value for money and ultimately improved public services.”

SFT’s PHEI team enshrines this thinking. It works with Scottish Government, local government, other public agencies and the private sector to deliver investment and change, as well as supporting the delivery of key sectoral programmes and projects across the place, housing and economic investment space. The Team also works closely with our wider SFT capability to leverage our organisational expertise for programmes and projects to ensure vibrant, connected, net zero places and communities. We also lead certain programmes for partners: Taxation Incremental Financing, Growth Accelerator and Green Growth Accelerator, as well as taking an active lead in developing proposals in relation to strategic sites and developments.

We are seeking a professional (e.g. finance, legal or technical) with a commercial background and a track record of developing and delivering new ideas and projects in the infrastructure space.

Responsibilities will include (but not be limited to):

- Lead on key strands of SFT activity such as the use of new approaches for delivering Place, affordable housing and economic development. This includes a potential focus on reinvigorating Town Centres through such uses as housing and economic activity and opportunity.
- Support strategic site initiatives with partners and stakeholders (e.g. Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise and / or local authorities) and wider SFT resources to deliver an approach which will advance key sites and developments across Scotland.

- Support the delivery of the SFT Place programme, working with SFT staff and partners, to enable and monitor delivery.
- Carry out analysis to further the development of options / proposals with assistance from relevant colleagues.
- Assess the viability of proposals and projects.
- Produce supporting documentation and business cases to develop and achieve approval for the above (where required).
- Work with key partners to apply learning, products and tools to deliver wider outcomes.
- Contribute to the wider development of new ideas and interventions in relation to Place, economic investment and the affordable housing sector.
- Support existing projects, programmes and governance arrangements.
- Prepare and deliver reports and presentations to senior management.
- Develop and maintain key stakeholder relationships, interacting equally well with public and private sector partners.
- Contribute to other SFT programmes and initiatives as required.

The successful candidate will lead and support key activities across our portfolio of activity. They will contribute to the strategy and existing activities of the team, develop new ways of delivering and provide support to key partners to advance their strategically important proposals. The candidate will have to demonstrate a proven ability to deliver.

The team is led by a Senior Associate Director and sits within the SFT Development & Housing workstream.

The successful candidate will be based at SFT's office in Edinburgh. SFT's teams work flexibly, with an expectation that you need to be in the office for meetings as required, but not full time. There will be some additional travel required to attend external meetings, training and conferences.

SFT is committed to diversity, inclusion and creating a working environment which provides equality of opportunity for all. As part of its ongoing commitment, we will ensure a gender balanced recruitment and interview panel to oversee this appointment.

If you are interested in this role please submit a covering letter and your CV online to our HR Department hr@scottishfuturestrust.org.uk or for a confidential discussion to hear more about the opportunity, please contact Joanne Brooks, HR Manager on 07936 340062.

The closing date for completed applications is Friday 30th April 2021.