



RSABI

Supporting People in Scottish Agriculture

Trustee Role & Responsibilities

Statutory duties

1. To ensure that the organisation complies with rules and regulations as set out by OSCR, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations.
2. To ensure that the organisation pursues its objects as defined in its governing document.
3. To ensure the organisation uses its resources exclusively in pursuance of its core objectives.
4. To contribute actively to the board of trustees' role in giving firm strategic direction to the organisation, setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets
5. To safeguard the good name and values of the organisation.
6. To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organisation.
7. To ensure the financial stability of the organisation.
8. To protect and manage the property of the charity and to ensure the proper investment of the charity's funds.
9. To appoint the Chief Executive officer and monitor his/her performance.

Other Trustee responsibilities

In addition to the above statutory duties, each trustee should use any specific skills knowledge or experience they have to help RSABI's Board of Trustees reach sound decisions and ensure the organisation fulfils its objects. This will involve:

- a. Attending Board and other AUKH meetings as appropriate.
- b. Participating in one or more Board subgroups as required.
- c. Scrutinising board papers and other communications.
- d. Leading discussions and providing guidance on new initiatives, particularly in areas where the Trustee has specific skills, knowledge or expertise.
- e. Abiding by RSABI's policies and procedures including the Safeguarding, Diversity and Equal Opportunities and Information Governance Policies, ensuring these are effectively implemented.
- f. Participate in activities to promote AUKH to our beneficiaries, funders and the wider public.
- g. Contributing on other issues or areas of special expertise.

Trustee/Co-opted Trustee Role Description

Person Specification and Requirements for this role.

1. A commitment to the aims and values of RSABI.
2. An understanding of the issues and challenges within the agricultural/rural sector in Scotland.
3. Ability to provide the level of commitment required for this role.
4. Experience of governance – desirable not essential.
5. Ability to work as a team.
6. Knowledge or experience in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. Investment/Finance
 - b. Agricultural Law