



# Red Tractor Assurance

## Chair of the Board required

**At a pivotal time for UK agriculture with the UK's departure from Europe, the uncertainties of future trade deals and the proposed Agriculture Bill, Red Tractor Assurance is seeking to appoint a new Chair to provide input and guidance to the leadership and direction of the company. The Chair is a key role within UK food & farming, it interacts with Government, customers, farmers & growers and all major food retailers and food service operators.**

Red Tractor Assurance was established in 2000 and has grown to become a world-leader in food chain assurance. It is the UK's biggest farm and food standards scheme, covering food safety, traceability, animal welfare and environmental protection. Red Tractor Assurance is a not for profit company, owned by the food chain from farm to fork.

A key objective for the Red Tractor team is to develop Red Tractor Assurance as the 'Flagship for British Food & Farming', using the high standards of British Agriculture, independent auditing and robust compliance as the core of the brand.

The successful candidate must understand the food supply chain and demonstrate how they can command the confidence of the companies and organisations within it. Having empathy and respect within the farming community and a knowledge of the workings of Government would be particular advantages. The role demands close working relationships with diverse stakeholders, however, the candidate must also demonstrate the ability to ensure sufficient detachment to be independent and driving standards within the industry.

The Chair will assist the directors and senior management team to develop strategic plans and policies for the company, consistent with the objectives set by the ownership body. The Chair will also chair the ownership body and board to ensure open and balanced discussion of issues enabling members of the ownership body and Board to make a full contribution to decisions about the organisations affairs whilst giving due consideration to the interest of all stakeholders of the Red Tractor business.

The Chair will understand corporate governance including risk management and financial control and have excellent experience of leading the development of strategy and policy.

There is a degree of flexibility in the role but in order to meet the demand of the business the Chair is expected to spend about 30 days a year on company business.

This is a part time appointment for an initial term of three years with the option, with the agreement of both parties, for a second term of three years. The rate at appointment will be £700 per day or £21,000 per annum, depending on skills and experience.

**Closing date for applications is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Please submit your CV and a cover letter detailing why you are suitable for the role, to [Catherine.Cooper@nfu.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.Cooper@nfu.org.uk).**

**The NFU is managing the recruitment process for the Red Tractor Chair on behalf of the Ownership Body of Red Tractor Assurance. For a confidential discussion about the role please in the first instance contact Catherine Cooper, Head of HR at the NFU, via mobile or email;**

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