

MHCLG secondment opportunity

MHCLG have asked us to convey the message below:

A one year, full time secondment opportunity has become available in the MHCLG local government pensions team for a Grade 7 policy advisor.

The MHCLG pensions team is a small friendly team that leads on the Government's stewardship and oversight of the Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales (the LGPS). This exciting opening comes at an important time for the scheme and for the team, with a range of important projects, not least investment pooling, the implementation of Fair Deal in scheme regulation and reforms to the scheme's local valuation cycle and management of risk.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to develop national policy on these issues but also to contribute wider ideas and views on scheme benefits, governance and the overall sustainability of the LGPS. We would also expect the candidate to play an important role in considering the potential impact of the McCloud court case on the LGPS, working closely with stakeholders like the scheme advisory board.

Candidates should have good experience of pensions, ideally of the LGPS, in a investments, governance or administration setting. This career development opportunity will provide a unique perspective on the issues facing the LGPS and give experience of how Government works, from briefing Ministers to making legislation. It would provide ideal experience for an ambitious candidate looking to bring a wider perspective back into an LGPS fund and to progress into a leadership role.

As part of the secondment, salary costs up to £60,132 in line with the Grade 7 pay range in London in MHCLG will be covered, though there may be some flexibility for the right candidate. A secondment period shorter than a year may also be considered.

Applicants will be required to obtain CTC security clearance (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/security-vetting-and-clearance>) before joining the team. The secondment will be based at MHCLG's offices in Westminster, London, but flexible working is supported by MHCLG and reasonable flexible working arrangements will be considered.

To apply, please email to Teresa Clay, Head of Local Government Pensions, at teresa.clay@communities.gov.uk:

- Your up to date CV, including details of your qualifications and experience
- A short covering statement (no more than 350 words) outlining why you are interested in the role
- An email address and contact number for your current line manager.

Applicants should ensure their employer has agreed in principle to the secondment before making an application. Before interview, confirmation will be sought from your line manager.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 13th August and we expect to undertake interviews for the post in early September.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact teresa.clay@communities.gov.uk or con.hargrave@communities.gov.uk