

A photograph of a young lamb with a white body and a brown and white face, standing in a lush green field with yellow wildflowers. In the background, there are rolling green hills and a clear blue sky. A solid green horizontal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

APHA Non Executive Candidate Pack Annex

Welcome to Defra

Our vision is to create a great place for people living in this country.

In the Defra group, we deal with a vast range of issues that profoundly impact on people's lives.

We are responsible for England's environment, our countryside and rural economy, the food and farming sectors and have lead responsibility for protection from a wide range of natural threats and hazards.

We have developed a set of three strategic objectives covering our policy outcomes and

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Our objectives are:

- To pass on to the next generation a

- natural environment protected and enhanced for the future
- To lead the world in food, farming and fisheries with a sustainable model of food production
- To be an outstanding organisation focused on making a difference, with world class delivery capability

Useful Information

[Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs – website](#)

[Defra 25 Year Environment Plan](#)



Our Mission

We are here to make our air purer, our water cleaner, our land greener and our food more sustainable .

Our mission is to restore and enhance the environment for the next generation, leaving it in a better state than we found it.

As we move to a new phase having left the EU, we will lead on our new responsibilities for EU repatriated functions, drive the country's sustainable recovery from the impacts of Covid-19, and support the Government's agenda to level up and build back better for all.

Defra is now a stronger international department - using science, overseas programming, new trade agreements and new independent negotiating roles to further our policy goals. We will continue to work effectively and efficiently, ensuring that we have the right people, skills and structures in place to deliver our new and existing priorities with the best value for money for the public.

Achieving our vision will require not only a determined focus on delivering our outcomes from every individual in Defra group, but also a collective commitment to how we work: Ambitious; Outward looking; Professional; Inclusive.

Our Vision



Environment:

Improve the environment through cleaner air and water, minimised waste, and thriving plants and terrestrial and marine wildlife



Net Zero:

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon storage in the agricultural, waste, peat and tree planting sectors to help deliver net zero



Floods & Resilience

Reduce the likelihood and impact of flooding and coastal erosion on people, businesses, communities and the environment



Agriculture, food, fisheries, animal welfare and biosecurity

Increase the sustainability, productivity and resilience of the agriculture, fishing, food and drink sectors, enhance biosecurity at the border and raise animal welfare standards



Strengthening the union and international

Promote a green, fair and resilient UK and global recovery, halt and reverse global declines in biodiversity, mitigate and adapt to climate change, help ensure the UK has an effective border, and contribute to a strengthened and prosperous union