



Better Bankside Board Member – Resident representative

Role Description

Our vision is for a stronger, greener, happier Bankside.

The Better Bankside board is drawn from business leaders from Bankside organisations as well as other stakeholders including landowners and public bodies. The BB board also has two resident representative positions, one of which is currently vacant.

Meaningful participation in the co-creation and ideation of our programme is vital to ensuring that our work is valued and relevant. The board acts as a proxy to the BB membership, working together as a committed and effective team, providing strategic direction to the executive.

BB board positions are unremunerated however provide an excellent professional development opportunity and chance to shape the future of the Bankside neighbourhood. Board members have Company Director status.

Key responsibilities

- Champion the culture, ethos and values of the organisation.
- Provide oversight and direction to the organisation.
- Play a key role in shaping the organisational vision and strategy, led by purpose and best interest of local business members and other community stakeholders.
- Be a trusted advisor to the CEO, providing challenge and support.
- Attend at least five of eight BB board meetings per year (in person), contributing to a culture of inclusivity where all are encouraged to participate.
- Assume responsibility for governance practices.
- Demonstrate a commitment to diversity in all its forms.
- Scrutinise and approve BB's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions; being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities.
- Have oversight of board level policies including review schedule. Monitor and manage risk.

- Play a key role in BB's wider governance including attending BB Strategy Day, attending board strategy group meetings as required.
- Be present for key calendar dates such as BB summer and winter member networking events, AGM.
- Advocate on relevant policy issues.
- Play a strategic role in the Better Bankside five yearly ballot.
- Approve appointment of the CEO.
- Adhere to the seven core Director duties as set under the Companies Act 2006.

These are;

- You must follow the company's constitution
- You must promote the success of the company
- You must exercise independent judgement
- You must exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence
- You must avoid conflicts of interest
- You must not accept third party benefits
- You must declare any personal interests

All Board positions are for a three year tenure, with the possibility of renewing for a maximum of two further terms.

About Better Bankside

Better Bankside was one of the first Business Improvement Districts (BID) in the UK, established in 2004.

Better Bankside is a partnership of local businesses, working closely with other community stakeholders to co-create a programme of projects and services that benefits the whole Bankside neighbourhood.

As a BID, we are funded by a mandatory levy on businesses within a defined boundary. BIDs are established through a ballot process, and every five years must return to their members to secure a majority vote in favour of their continuation. Our last ballot took place in November 2024, achieving overwhelming support from the business community, with 91% voting for another five years of Better Bankside and supporting the vision for a stronger, greener, happier Bankside.

Better Bankside has a diffuse and decentralised governance structure, with the board, six theme groups and team of 15, all with an important role to play in the co-design of a diverse programme of work.

Recent analysis of the current board composition identified opportunities to diversify. Candidates from underrepresented groups are actively sought, currently; women, under 40, those from ethnically diverse backgrounds. Applications are welcomed from all.

To apply, please send an expression of interest outlining your links to Bankside including which resident group or association you belong to, why this opportunity appeals and what you would bring to the role to; Pam Kalha pkalha@boodlehatfield.com by 5pm on Monday 9 March 2026. Please also attach your CV.

If you'd like to know more before submitting an expression of interest, feel free to contact CEO Nicole Gordon ng@betterbankside.co.uk to arrange a time for an informal discussion.