

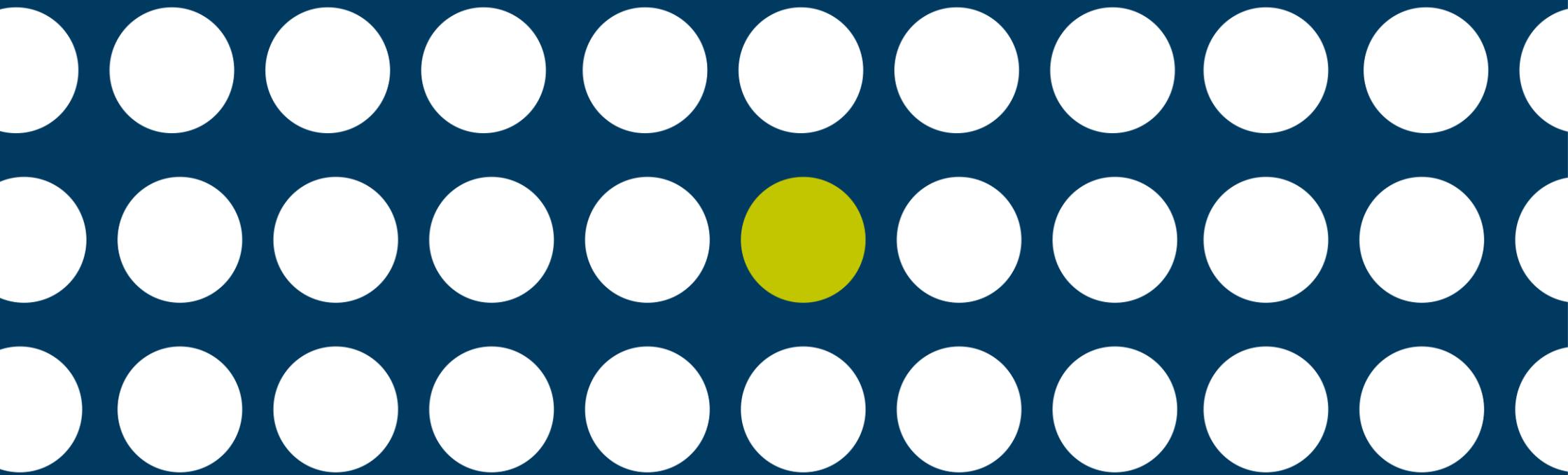
# Applicant Pack

**Chair to the Committee**

*National Statistician's Committee for Advice on  
Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE)*



Office for  
National Statistics



Thank you for your interest  
in this position.

It is an **exciting** opportunity to  
work with a **radical, ambitious,  
inclusive and sustainable**  
organisation.

# Welcome



**Economic statistics are among the most fundamental indicators of the state of the UK and are some of the most closely watched official statistics.**

The new *National Statistician's Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE)* will support the UK by ensuring its processes for influencing and adopting international statistical standards are world-leading.

We are seeking to appoint an independent Chair to the Committee, to provide strategic leadership, and provide advice directly to the National Statistician.

Candidates should demonstrate excellent leadership and strategic skills, as well as the ability to influence and communicate effectively with a wide range of people. They must be familiar with international statistical guidance and the bodies that produce such guidance and should hold a good working knowledge of the UK's economic data and their uses.

The Panel will meet at least four times each year, and it is

anticipated that role will constitute a total time commitment of up to 25 days per year. The Chair will be compensated for his/her time.

The appointment will be for an initial period of three years. The possibility of renewal for a further similar period will be available.

**Prof Sir Ian Diamond**

National Statistician

# Why ONS?

## The Office for National Statistics (ONS)

At ONS, our people are our strength and we aim to be a brilliant and inclusive employer to over 5,000 colleagues, who work flexibly across all of our sites and in co-located teams.

We have people in offices in Newport, South Wales (majority of our colleagues are based here), Titchfield, Darlington, Edinburgh and London as well as a large team of interviewers, who are based throughout the UK (you might have come across some of them at airports or Eurostar stations?). We are establishing our presence in Darlington Economic Campus, alongside other departments.

## What people say about us?

'Truly collaborative place – any time I need input from other areas, it's welcomed and supported'

***Kate, People Solutions***

'A brilliant place to work with a genuine focus on people and career development'

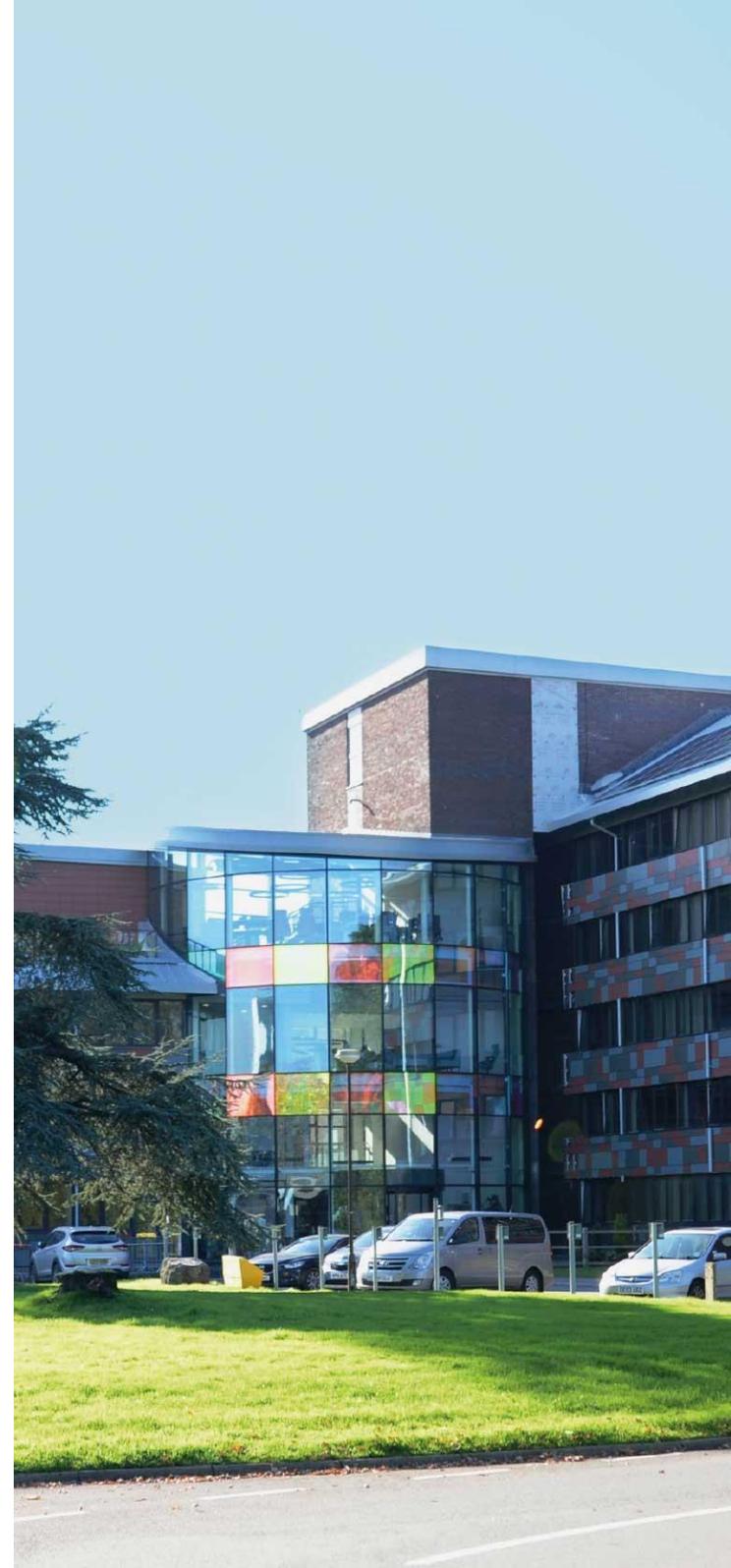
***Ross, Macroeconomic Statistics and Analysis***

'One of my favourite things about working in ONS is that it is packed with committed and inspiring people who genuinely care about the impact we have across the whole of society in the UK.'

***Anne, Population and Public Policy***

'A modern and flexible working environment with a focus on staff and culture'

***Tom, Recruitment Services***



## Our Mission

“High quality data and analysis to **inform** the UK, **improve lives** and **build the future.**”

Official statistics are for the benefit of society and the economy generally. They allow the formulation of better public policy and the effective measurement of those policies; they inform the direction of economic and commercial activities; they provide valuable information for analysts, researchers, public and voluntary bodies; and they enable the public to hold to account all organisations that spend public money, thus informing democratic debate.

You can find out more about the ONS strategy here:  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

# About the Role

## Chair to the Committee

*National Statistician's Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE)*

**Remuneration:** £500 per day

**Closing date:** 05/01/2022

## Objective

The National Statistician's Committee for the Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics will support the UK by ensuring its processes for influencing and adopting international statistical standards are world-leading

We are seeking to appoint an independent Chair to provide strategic leadership to the Committee and deliver advice to the National Statistician.

## Outputs

- In this role, you will work closely with your members, senior leaders across the statistical system, and key users of economic data.
- Upon your appointment you will work in partnership with the National Statistician to finalise the Committee Terms of Reference, and to appoint members to the Committee.

On an ongoing basis, you will be responsible for overseeing the Committee's advice to the National Statistician with regard to:

- the suitability of current standards across the ONS's suite of economic data;
- how the UK can and should influence the development of future standards;
- which standards the UK should adopt in future, to meet the specific measurement needs of the UK economy, while ensuring international comparability.

**Individuals must be able to commit to provide up to 25 days per year and are expected to attend four meetings each year.**

**The appointment will be for an initial period of three years. The possibility of renewal for a further similar period will be available.**

**Once appointed, for payment purposes you will be required to engage with one of our recruitment partners. ONS will provide you with the necessary information to do that and if you have any questions in the meantime, please email us on: [scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk](mailto:scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk).**

**The successful candidate must meet the security requirements before they can be appointed. The level of security needed is [Security Clearance](#).**

# Requirements

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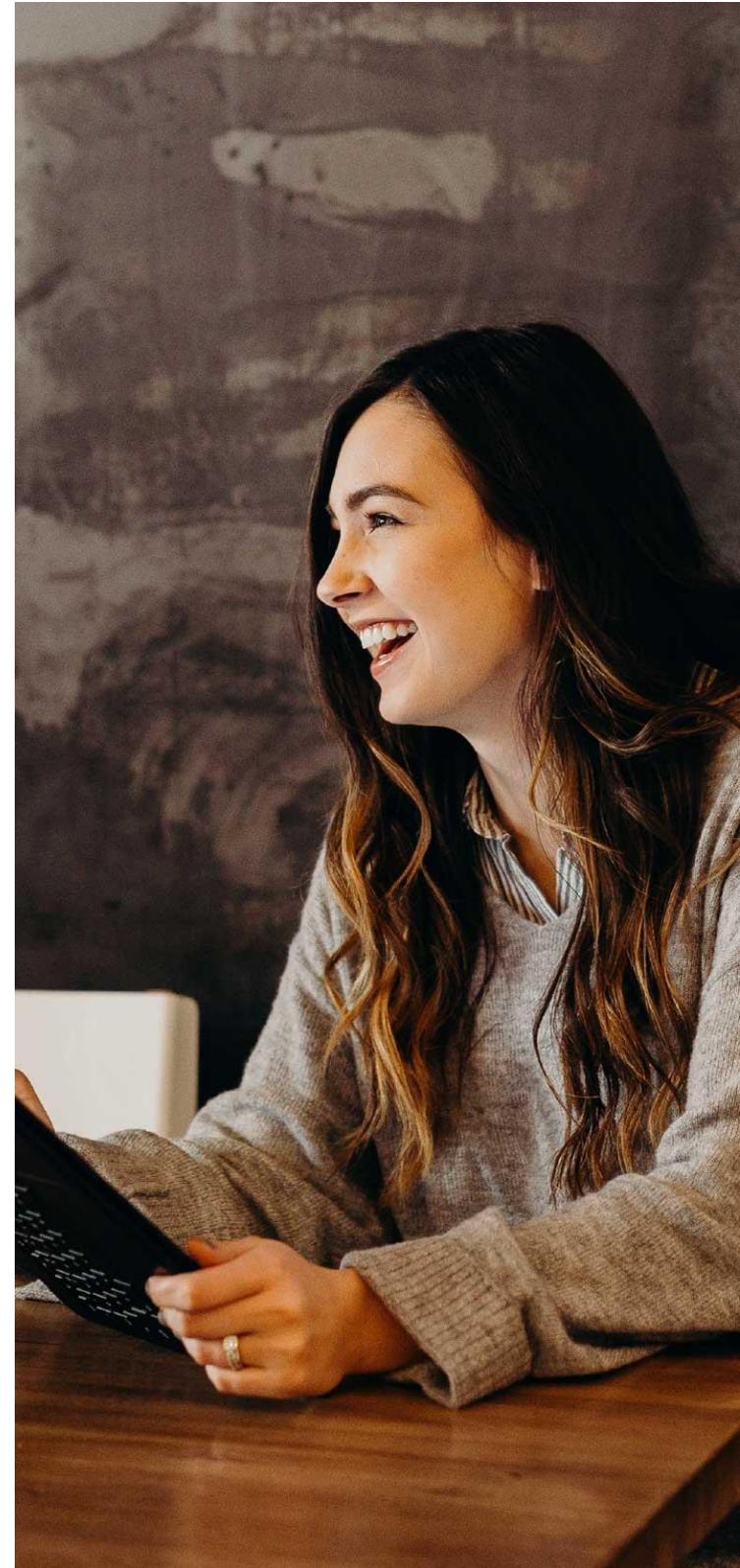
- A background working with international statistical bodies and/or on international statistical guidance on standards for and/or the production, of economic and fiscal statistics;
- Strong leadership skills, with evidence of having provided visible leadership to a comparable organisation or committee;
- Strategic skills, including the ability to analyse complex issues and to think clearly, strategically and laterally, extracting the essence of an argument from papers or presented evidence;
- Influencing and communication skills, including an ability to develop and maintain relationships with groups with disparate views and agendas; and
- Team working and collaboration skills, including an ability to work with other members and to participate in robust debate, challenging constructively the opinions of others, and working to achieve a shared consensus.

## Location:

- The candidate could be based anywhere in the UK although there would be an expectation to travel to meetings when necessary.
- Meetings are likely to be held in our office locations in Newport (South Wales), Titchfield (Hampshire), Darlington or London.

# Recruitment Timetable

- Vacancy live**  
Thursday 25th November
- Closing date**  
Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Shortlisting meeting**  
From 6th January 2022
- Informal Discussions**  
From WC 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- Chair appointed**



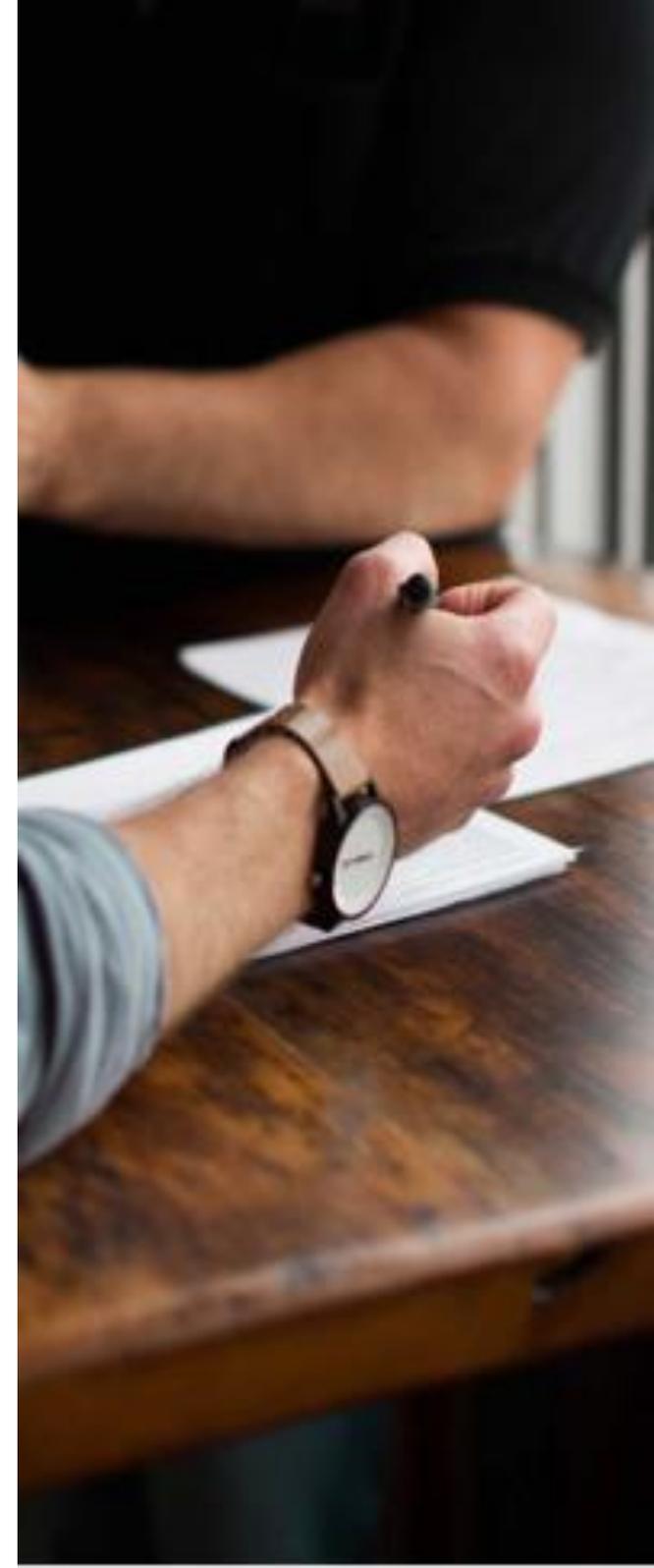
# Selection Approach

Applications should include:

1. A covering letter explaining why this post interests you and how you meet the criteria as detailed in the requirements section of the vacancy description. Your covering letter should be no longer than two sides of A4.
2. A curriculum vitae. This should include:
  - Details of education and professional qualifications
  - Full employment history
  - Relevant achievements in recent posts

Please send your completed application to [SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk](mailto:SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk) with your CV and statement as attachments.

3. Applications will be sifted following the closing date and informal conversations will be held from the week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> January.



# Contact

**Thank you for your  
interest in this  
position.**

Please send your completed application  
to [SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk](mailto:SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk)

If you have any questions,  
please get in touch:

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