Fire safety specialist – Building Advisory Committee

Overview

The Building Advisory Committee is a statutory advisory committee established by the Building Safety Regulator (BSR) under the Building Safety Act 2022.

The committee brings together experts from across the built environment to provide practical and independent advice to BSR on its building functions.

About the opportunity

This role provides specialist fire safety engineering expertise from across the built environment. The postholder will contribute insight to fire safety considerations throughout the design, construction, occupation, refurbishment and remediation of buildings.

The role will support the Committee's provision of advice and guidance on fire safety risks, resilience and engineering practice, including emerging practices and the practical application of fire engineering principles across the building lifecycle.

Role requirements

Essential criteria

- Experience across design, construction handover and occupation phases.
- Experience in refurbishment and remediation.
- Knowledge of the whole-building lifecycle regulatory regime.
- Access to a wide network of fire safety engineers.
- Experienced practising fire safety engineer.

Desirable criteria

- Experience of novel construction methods.
- Experience of first principles-based design solutions.

Technical skills and qualifications

- Chartered Engineer (CEng).
- Minimum 8 years' post-qualification professional experience.
- Record of professional volunteerism through professional bodies or research activities.

Person specification

As well as the essential criteria, all candidates must be able to demonstrate the following.

Professional expertise, credibility and senior leadership experience (leadership, communicating and influencing)

Significant expertise and experience within a relevant profession, discipline, sector or area of specialism, together with professional credibility, leadership and influence within their field. This includes experience operating at a senior level and contributing to strategic discussions, governance arrangements, advisory bodies, boards, committees or other senior decision-making forums.

Strategic insight (seeing the big picture)

An understanding of the wider building safety system and the challenges facing residents, industry and regulators. Candidates should be able to take a strategic and system-wide perspective, recognise the implications of decisions for different stakeholders, and contribute to evidence-based solutions that address complex issues affecting the built environment.

Judgement and independence (making effective decisions)

The ability to assess evidence, risks and competing considerations to reach balanced, well-reasoned conclusions. Candidates should be able to provide clear, objective and impartial advice, exercise independent judgement, and uphold evidence-based positions where necessary. Demonstrates independence of thought, integrity and the ability to manage potential conflicts of interest appropriately.

Collaboration and constructive challenge (working together, communicating and influencing)

The ability to work effectively with individuals from different professional, organisational and lived-experience backgrounds. Candidates should be able to build constructive relationships, challenge respectfully, influence outcomes through evidence and expertise, and support continuous improvement across the built environment sector.

Terms of appointment

Each member of the Building Advisory Committee is appointed for a 3-year term and is expected to commit approximately 8 to 12 days a year.

Remuneration

This is a voluntary role. There is no remuneration, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Meetings

The committee meets quarterly, usually in London. Meetings include senior leaders from BSR, the national regulator for construction products, as well as practitioners and academics from a range of disciplines. Observers from the devolved administrations also attend.

Successful candidates will be expected to attend these meetings, preferably in person.

Members may also be asked to participate in additional advisory groups that support BSR's work on critical risks and other priorities.

New members are expected to join the committee in time for the March 2027 meeting in London. Before that, they will be expected to attend an induction. Further information, including dates and invitations, will be sent by email.

Application process

You can submit your application online using the form.

You'll be asked to submit a CV in PDF format (maximum 3 pages) outlining your:

- relevant experience
- qualifications
- professional memberships
- any board, committee, advisory, research or publication activity

You will also need to provide a suitability statement of no more than 750 words outlining:

- how you meet the essential criteria
- your ability to contribute effectively as a member of the Building Advisory committee

If you cannot apply through Citizen Space, you can send your CV and suitability statement by email to buildingadvisory.appointments@buildingsafety.gov.uk. Use the subject line 'Building Advisory Committee application' followed by the roles you're applying for.

Applications may also be submitted by post to:

Built Environment Policy Team
Building Safety Regulator
Redgrave Court
Merton Road
Bootle
Merseyside
L20 7HS

Postal applications must arrive no later than midday Monday 23 November 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you're applying by email or post, please confirm if you do not wish for your details to be kept for the:

- reserve list – details will be kept for 12 months from application deadline
- advisory groups – applicants who satisfy the appropriate criteria may be invited to join a Building Advisory Committee advisory group relevant to their skills and experience

Interviews

A sift to assess the applications against the essential criteria will take place after the applications close.

Candidates who are successful at sift will get an email with further information and an invitation to interview. The interview will assess their suitability for the role in more depth.

Interview dates will be from 11 January 2027. This may be subject to change depending on the number of applications received and panel availability.

Interviews will be conducted remotely on Microsoft Teams. They will last approximately 45 minutes.

Deadline

If you're interested in joining the Building Advisory Committee, you must apply by midday on Monday 23 November 2026.

Conflicts of interest

Candidates must declare during the recruitment process any outside interests, business interests or relationships that could give rise to an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in carrying out this role.

Relevant declarations will be discussed before appointment is confirmed and any necessary management arrangements agreed. Declaring an interest will not automatically prevent appointment.

Further information

Artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence can be a useful tool to support your application, however, all examples and statements provided must be truthful, factually accurate and taken directly from your own experience. Where plagiarism is found (presenting the ideas and experiences of others, or generated by artificial intelligence, as your own) applications may be withdrawn. Please see our candidate guidance (opens in new window) for more information on appropriate and inappropriate use of artificial intelligence.

Sponsorship

These roles are not open to application from those who will require sponsorship to work in the UK. Should you apply for this role and require sponsorship your application will be rejected, and any provisional offers of employment will be withdrawn.

Disability Confidence Scheme

BSR is proud to be a part of the Disability Confidence Scheme (DCS). As a Disability Confident employer, we positively welcome applications from disabled people. We are committed to making workplace adjustments to ensure anyone can participate in the recruitment and selection process.

If, during the application or interview process, you require any assistance due to a disability or a medical condition, please contact us at BSR-PFP@buildingsafety.gov.uk to discuss how we can support you. For example, if you have a disability, and you need an application form in an alternative format or you would like to know more about our recruitment process.

Security

Successful candidates must have a basic (or equivalent) criminal record check.

People working with government assets must complete baseline personnel security standard (opens in new window) checks.