

## Independent Chair – Athletic Ventures LLP

A hugely exciting opportunity to Chair a new joint venture set up by UK Athletics (UKA), The Great Run Company (GRC) and London Marathon Events (LME) to transform the future and growth of athletics in the UK and oversee the delivery of major athletics events. The partnership will bring together the best event organisers in the sport, combining world class creative, broadcast and event operations expertise with a commercially focused on entrepreneurial vision.

Athletic Ventures will set the strategic direction, under which subsidiary OpCos will deliver the 2026 European Athletics Championships in Birmingham (ECH2026), the annual edition of the Diamond League in the UK (DLV) and also lead the bidding process for the World Athletics Championships to return to the UK in 2029. The organisation will also take over the quest to find new commercial partners for athletics in the UK, offering opportunities from grassroots activities to national events and the UK athletics teams at major championships in an innovative ‘playground to podium’ sponsorship programme.

The Chair will be a key representative of the organisation, providing strategic leadership to enable it to fulfil all responsibilities for governance, strategic direction and delivery of objectives.

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### What are we looking for?

Applications are invited from Candidates who can display the following criteria:

- Board level experience within organisations of a comparable size and proven track record of strategic leadership, strong governance and management of risk.
- Outstanding leadership capabilities with the ability to develop and communicate a strategic vision and ensure a collaborative approach to deliver results within a complex operating environment.
- In depth experience of working effectively in partnership with Non – Executive Directors and/or trustees.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills, able to liaise effectively with a wide range of stakeholders and audiences.
- A willingness to speak candidly, whilst demonstrating tact and diplomacy.
- Personal integrity and commitment to openness, inclusiveness and high standards.
- Good knowledge of corporate and sports governance board-level responsibilities, and accustomed to the principles of public sector propriety, regularity, and accountability.
- Experience of working in joint ventures/partnership working and the complexities that can bring.
- Experience of preparing and submitting bids for major sporting events advantageous.

### How to apply

Applications for the role of Independent Chair will be managed externally by PSD Group.

For further information, or to apply, please email your CV and cover letter to [athleticventures@psdgroup.com](mailto:athleticventures@psdgroup.com) by Friday 09 August 2024

AVLLP positively encourages applications from suitable qualified and eligible candidates regardless of Age, Sex, Race, Disability, Pregnancy, Marital/ Civil Partnership status, Sexual orientation, Gender reassignment or religious background.