

Role profile: Policy Committee member

Purpose of role

To support Policy Committee to:

- Develop policy across a wide range of animal health and welfare, public health, and veterinary professional issues.
- Horizon scan for the hot topics of interest to the profession.
- Recommend and approve policy, lobbying and campaigning priorities for each Association year.
- Advise on responses to consultations from government, the devolved administrations, and other key stakeholders.

Key responsibilities

- Contributing to discussions at meetings and via the online workspace.
- Reading papers in advance of meetings.
- Participating in four meetings per year (remote option available)
- Volunteering for occasional policy working groups dependent on areas of interest and expertise.
- Safeguarding and promoting the values of BVA at all times.

Knowledge, skills, and expertise

Members must be MRCVS and hold current BVA membership. Across the committee we are looking for a mix of experience and expertise, including:

- Committee experience
- Policy development skills and experience
- Strategic thinking
- Evidence gathering and research
- Analysis and evaluation
- Understanding of the current veterinary landscape
- Understanding of political and cultural climate in which BVA seeks to influence policy makers.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

Across the committee we strive to ensure a range of expertise, interests, and backgrounds. We

recognise and champion the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion and we are committed to ensuring that all members have equal opportunity to contribute to our work, including by making reasonable adjustments where needed to enable committee members to participate fully.

Other information

- Members serve for a term of three years and may apply for a second term.
- Members receive free BVA membership during their term.
- Members are reimbursed for travel and other expenses in line with our expenses policy.

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