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Defra reporting consultant advert

About ACRE

ACRE is a national charity speaking up for and supporting rural communities. We work to create thriving, inclusive and economically active rural communities which have the services they need. We believe no one should be disadvantaged because of where they live.

As the national body of the ACRE Network – England’s largest rural grouping of county-based local development agencies – we support our members to deliver initiatives that equip people with the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to improve their community. This includes the coordination of nationally funded projects, programmes and research.

ACRE acts as the broker and contract holder for the government’s strategic investment in the ACRE Network. For the period 2022 to 2023, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has committed £1.7m to support core network activity in support of rural community projects, encourage shared learning between members and access to local intelligence.

Nature of the Work

ACRE is looking to appoint a consultant to work with us to analyse information provided by our members in quarterly surveys and produce four performance reports that will be presented to ACRE and Defra, utilising information covering the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The work will begin on the **1 May 2022** and should be completed by **30 June 2023**.

We are looking for a contractor with an understanding of rural policy and the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities today, and with a proven ability and track record of writing clear and compelling reports for key audiences.

For more information about this opportunity please contact Paul Dixon p.dixon@acre.org.uk. The closing date for a written expression of interest is **31 March 2022**.