

# DEXTER LEE

## UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Dexter is currently Head of Carbon Markets Negotiations at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (UK Government), which includes developing and delivering the UK strategy for carbon markets negotiations across international fora, and formulating domestic policy in relation to international carbon markets. Prior to this he has had experience and management responsibilities across a range of climate, energy and trade-related roles. His academic background has specialised in environmental economics and policy through BSc, MSc and MPP degrees from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

### EXPERIENCE

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#### **Head of Carbon Markets Negotiations** **08/2023-Present** **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**, London

- Developed and delivered the UK strategy for Article 6 and other markets negotiations across various SBSTA/SBI/CMA/CMP sessions since COP28.
- Formulated UK positions to steer the work and outputs of various international fora (e.g. G7 Carbon Markets Platform, G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, etc.).
- Briefed Secretary of State, Ministers and the UK Special Representative for Climate on carbon markets.
- Collaborated with the Department for Transport to shape UK approaches at IMO and ICAO negotiations.
- Developed domestic policy in relation to UK consideration of international credits and implementation-related work (e.g. Carbon Budget Delivery and Growth Plan, UK-EU ETS linking negotiations, CORSIA, etc.).
- Presented at various conferences including S&P Global Carbon Markets conference, Innovation Zero and Carbon Forward London. Quoted in e.g. FT and Carbon Pulse.

#### **Senior Policy Advisor, Energy Bills Support Scheme** **08/2022-01/2023** **Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**, London

- Created powers in primary legislation through the Energy Prices Act 2022 to deliver the Energy Bills Support Scheme (£400 per household (~£350 million total)) in Northern Ireland.
- Created secondary legislation to embed the scheme into the Northern Irish regulatory regime; briefed Ministers and provided 'box' support in House of Commons and Lords debates.
- Engaged with Northern Irish electricity suppliers and the Utilities Regulator to determine delivery pathways.
- Led on the Accounting Officer assessment and advice for the Permanent Secretary.

#### **Senior Policy Advisor, Public Sector Decarbonisation** **10/2021-07/2022 and 02/2023-07/2023** **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**, London

- Led development of a public sector emissions monitoring and reporting regime informed by research into international, corporate and public sector standards (e.g. GHG Protocol, etc.).
- Responsible for the management of emissions targets under UK Greening Government Commitments.
- Led advice and steered through Low Carbon Skills Fund (£17m) announcement.
- Developed advice on energy efficiency policies for the Prime Minister during locum stint at joint No.10/EDS unit.

#### **Joint Head of Aquatic Animal Health / Policy Advisor, Zoonoses (Fast Stream)** **10/2020-09/2021** **Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs**, London

- Presented and represented UK interests at UK-EU Trade Specialised Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures in relation to aquatic animal trade.
- Collaborated with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to ensure appropriate export certification governance arrangements were in place after EU exit.

#### **Policy Advisor, Customs and Tariffs (Fast Stream)** **10/2019-09/2020** **Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**, London

- Developed industrial goods tariff priorities for Free Trade Agreement (Market Access) negotiations with prospective partners and positions for UK-EU Customs and Trade Facilitations negotiations.
- Led several sub-Cabinet committee briefings for Ministers to make customs policy decisions.

#### **Assistant Private Secretary to the Secretary of State (Fast Stream)** **10/2018-09/2019** **Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government**, London

- Drove forward the Secretary of State's (SoS) Local Government EU exit portfolio - coordinated, scrutinised and prioritised submissions to SoS and transmitted SoS' views to shape departmental work.
- Led briefing for parliamentary set pieces, including Oral Questions and Select Committee appearances, and supported SoS at meetings, including EU Exit Delivery Boards with Local Government leaders.

## Summer Analyst

06/2018-08/2018

**Vivid Economics (now part of McKinsey & Company)**, London

- Researched case study cities for project linking ecosystem services and development outcomes.
- Collected data for analysis on the climate exposure of non-renewable assets for a banking client.

## Parliamentary Assistant (part-time alongside MSc studies)

11/2017-06/2018

**Office of the Member of Parliament for Ynys Môn**, London

- Drafted booklet that underlined the relevance of low-carbon energy projects on the Isle of Anglesey which was published for constituents. Reported in North Wales Chronicle.
- Prepared briefings ahead of the MP's BEIS select committee appearances on topics such as the Clean Growth Strategy, outcomes of COP23 and the energy price cap.

## Policy Intern, Clean Electricity

07/2017-09/2017

**Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**, London

- Reviewed the outlook of Feed-in-Tariff (FiT) technologies and presented conclusions to policy, analysis and commercial teams.
- Researched, aggregated and presented data on a range of FiT technologies deployment scenarios to inform the Impact Assessment of a Government consultation response.

## EDUCATION

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### Master of Public Policy (MPP), Distinction

09/2023-06/2025

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, UK

- Public Policy in Practice; Empirical Methods; Economic Policy Analysis; Public Economics; and Political Science. Projects included topics on: international carbon pricing cooperation; CBAMs; and VCM market failures and solutions.
- Competitively selected and funded by the UK Civil Service to undertake an executive MPP over 2 years (alongside full-time work) which aims to develop the capability of senior and high-potential civil servants.

### MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change, Merit

09/2017-09/2018

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, UK

- Environmental and Resource Economics (e.g. economic theory of taxes, carbon markets, optimal natural resource management, etc.); Applied Quantitative Methods (e.g. regression analysis, Stata); Economic Appraisal and Valuation (e.g. Cost Benefit Analysis, Contingent Valuation, Hedonic pricing, etc.); Techniques of Spatial Economic Analysis (e.g. ArcGIS); Climate Change: Science, Economics and Policy; and Dissertation (Measuring co-impacts in project appraisals for development corridors).
- Awarded LSE Anniversary Scholarship.

### BSc Geography with Economics, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours

10/2014-06/2017

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, UK

- Urban and Spatial Economics; Environmental Economics; Environmental Governance; Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Quantitative Methods (Mathematics and Statistics); and Dissertation (Econometric estimation of the 'Rebound Effect' for UK passenger vehicles).

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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### Policy Fellow, Centre for Science and Policy, University of Cambridge

- Engage and build relationships with academics and researchers on international carbon markets policy (since October 2025).

### Civil Service Climate and Environment Network (CSCEN)

- Network Co-Chair (2020/21) - Shaped the strategy and management of work delivered by 20+ committee members; increased diversity of membership and offer content; and significantly expanded membership.
- Advisory Board Member (2021-Present) - Provide ad hoc advice to current network Co-Chairs, leveraging insights from running the network and role as a founding committee member.

## SKILLS

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- Experience in: Stata; ArcGIS; Microsoft Office - Word, PowerPoint and Excel.