

Role Profile

This section provides key information relating to the role

Job Title:	Assistant Director (Planning)		
Post No:	RP0011	Grade:	COB
Team:	SMT	Location:	Hybrid working
Responsible to:	Executive Director (Place)		
Responsible for:	Service Managers		

Overall job purpose:

To act as the Council's lead expert on the Planning Service and accountable for the delivery, improvement, management and performance of the service services, leading and inspiring managers and employees across the Council.

To deliver the Council's priorities as set out in our Corporate Plan.

Working with other stakeholders and external partners to deliver projects that are aligned to the Council's ambitions.

To be a non-executive Director on the board of the council's building control companies.

Key areas of focus:

1.	Building a culture of high performance and inspiring colleagues to support the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities.
2.	Act as the Council's principal policy advisor on the Planning service, providing guidance and support to the Chief Executive, Directors, Cabinet and Members.
3.	Be responsible for the delegated financial budgets and resources ensuring that they are allocated effectively for the delivery of services in a manner which demonstrates value for money and compliance with relevant policies and guidelines.
4.	To ensure a system of continuous review is embedded within the service and to promote and foster an organisational culture in which challenge, innovation and creative solutions are the norm.

5.	Lead and engage the staff, acting as a role model. Ensure that staff know what is expected of them and why; that staff are committed, motivated and working effectively together and with other relevant colleagues to deliver agreed strategies and plans.
6.	As the council's lead planning professional represent the council's interests in planning appeals, examinations and judicial settings as necessary.
7.	To provide support and advice to the council's major development schemes in order to deliver the council's regeneration aspirations.
8.	Maintain excellent working relationships and engage with key stakeholders and partners.
9.	Lead on the development and delivery of all the policies and strategies within the Planning service, including the Local Plan.
10.	Leadership of key Council projects.
11.	To promote equality and diversity in the workplace and in the services of the Council and to deliver the Council's equalities and diversity priorities.
12.	The ability to converse with ease with other staff and members of the public and to provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for this post.
13.	Any other duties that are commensurate with the level and grade of this post.

Role Requirements

The following outlines the criteria for this post.

Criteria	Essential	Desirable	Assessment Criteria
Qualifications and experience			
Chartered Town Planner (MRTPI) or equivalent	x		AP
Educated to degree level or equivalent in a relevant subject.	x		AP
Proven track record in being innovative and results driven, leading others to innovate and change.	x		AS/IN
Commercially aware, with an understanding of how to maximise opportunities for growth and investment.	x		AP/AS/IN
Evidence of continued professional development	x		IN
Knowledge			
Thorough understanding of the current issues and future challenges facing the Planning service	x		AS/IN
Knowledge and understanding of relevant service legislation and best practice	x		AS/IN
Operational knowledge of building control activities and processes	x		AP/AS/IN
Knowledge and understanding of budget management	x		AS/IN
Skills and abilities			
Experience of managing complex projects and programmes		x	AP/AS/IN
Evidence of effective team working and ability to lead and motivate staff	x		AS/IN
Effective influencing and negotiation skills	x		AS/IN
Political awareness and astuteness, including the ability to build effective and appropriate relationships with elected councillors	x		AS/IN

Ability to undertake effective service development and transformation which delivers the most cost effective and efficient services for the Council.	x		AS/IN
Other attributes			
Developed analytical and problem-solving skills	x		AS/IN
Decisive, with a logical approach to decision making	x		AS/IN
Personal integrity and positive role model of the behaviours and culture of the council	x		AS/IN
Responds positively and is able to work constructively under pressure	x		AS/IN
Able to attend meetings and events during the evening and at weekends	x		AP/IN
Ability to drive/travel throughout the borough and other locations as appropriate	x		AP/IN
This is a politically restricted post	x		AP/IN

Assessment Criteria: (AP) Application, (AS) Assessment, (IN) Interview

Our Values and Behaviours



Our CORE values are key to delivering our vision, plans and strategies.

Collaborative	Open	Responsible	Excellent
We w ork together to get things done	We b ehave with integrity & fairness	We t ake responsibility for our actions and decisions	We p erform at our best & strive for excellence

It's really important that you have a genuine passion for doing a great job and our behavioural competency framework sets out how we want people to work, ensuring everyone is valued, supported and empowered.

These competencies will be assessed throughout the recruitment and selection process, as well as part of your ongoing development and progression.