

POST TITLE	PROJECT SUPPORT OFFICER
DIRECTORATE	CORPORATE SERVICES
SERVICE	POLICY AND INSIGHT
RESPONSIBLE TO	CHANGE AND DELIVERY OFFICER
NUMBER OF POST HOLDERS	1
ACTING UP/ SECONDMENT	

PURPOSE OF JOB

To support projects delivering the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) by providing a comprehensive administrative and project support role for the wider team

To ensure that comprehensive and accurate records are updated on project performance

Support with any ad hoc tasks eg ordering , setting up meetings and any other tasks related to major programmes.

THE WHAT - MAJOR TASKS/JOB ACTIVITIES

Collect, verify and record information provided by the wider project team and from other relevant sources.

Ensure that all programme records are kept up to date and that regular performance information is produced when required.

Provide administrative, secretariat and project support for a variety of projects

Update and maintain project governance documentation as required

Deal with gueries on project programme performance, progress and expenditure.

Undertake specific ad-hoc projects in order to provide detailed reporting on individual elements of the programme.

Ensure IIAs are undertaken and recorded

THE HOW - KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS (E.G. CREATIVITY & INNOVATION, CONTACTS & RELATIONSHIPS, DECISION MAKING)
Support the members of he key team to deliver projects and programmes

The postholder will have a sound knowledge (or be able to quickly understand) the Council's Business Plan and policy priorities.

Provide innovative and creative ideas to improve the way in which project progress can be measured, monitored and reported.

The post holder will be required to maintain good communication and work with colleagues from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders.

The post holder will make decisions on the way in which information is most accurately collected and recorded to provide the most relevant and timely customer and management information.

The post holder will be educated to HND level or equivalent and have additional experience/knowledge in project management/delivery.

Decisions taken by the post holder could have financial and reputational implications for the Council.

ENVIRONMENT (WORK DEMANDS, PHYSICAL DEMANDS, WORKING CONDITIONS, WORK CONTEXT)

The post holder will be expected to prioritise competing demands that will impact on their job activities, responding effectively to the changing demands impacting on the service within agreed resource constraints.

Although the post may be exposed to some physical demands some adverse working conditions these will be predominantly within the range of normal office based activities.

Although the post will have some requirement to take care in relation to the working environment, work activities and dealing with people this will not be more than the normal required of a council employee.

SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF PEOPLE (NUMBERS AND TYPE OF STAFF)

This post has no supervision or management responsibilities

RESOURCES

The post holder has responsibility for the control of the programme project resources and maintaining all electronic records/data.

HEALTH AND SAFETY (DO NOT ALTER THE WORDING OF THIS SECTION)

Protecting the health and safety and welfare of our employees, and our third parties including members of the public, contractors, service users and pupils, is the starting point for a forward-thinking Council. All employees are responsible for:

- Taking care of their own health and safety and welfare, and that of others who may be affected by their actions or omissions;
- Co-operating with management and following instructions, safe systems and procedures;
- Reporting any hazards, damage or defects immediately to their line manager; and
- Reporting any personal injury and work related ill health, and accident or incident (including 'near misses') immediately to their line manager, and assist with any subsequent investigation, including co-operating fully with the provision of witness statements and any other evidence that may be required.

Line managers have additional responsibilities for ensuring all health and safety risks under their management are identified, assessed and controlled, with specialist input from H&S Advisers and others including Occupational Health where required. Where the risks cannot be adequately controlled the activity should not proceed.

Additional information can be found in the Council Health and Safety Policy.