

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	Finance Business Partner - Systems	JE NUMBER:
DIRECTORATE:	Finance	BAND: 10
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Group Accountant	
RESPONSIBLE FOR:	N/A	
MAIN PURPOSE OF POST:	<p>Managing and developing the financial systems within the council, ensuring they meet the needs of both the finance department and wider service areas.</p> <p>The postholder will be responsible for driving improvements in the use of financial systems, enhancing system functionality, ensuring data integrity and provide expert advice on system performance and help streamline financial processes to ensure more efficient and effective financial management</p> <p>This role will ensure that high quality financial systems are in place to support financial reporting, robust financial control environment, decision making and efficient underlying processes. .</p>	

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties and responsibilities must be undertaken to comply with Council policies/procedures.

1.	<p>Financial Control and compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure adherence to financial regulations financial controls, policies, and procedures • Maintain up-to-date knowledge of changes in financial regulations and accounting standards applicable to local government.
2.	<p>System Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the overarching strategy and associated improvement plans that will allow ongoing system development, including core interfaces and feeder systems, informed by maintaining up to dated understanding of system capabilities • Lead and manage the upgrade of the financial management system including effective project management of processes, liaising with software suppliers and internal ICT Services, testing functionality and coordinating the work of external consultants • Support the development and use of the financial system, including the regular review and evaluation of systems functionality • Develop and maintain system and process maps, procedure notes and guidance
3.	<p>System Integrity and reconciliation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as the lead financial system expert, overseeing the day-to-day management, administration, and performance of the council's finance systems.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the overall integrity of the systems used to support all aspects of the Finance function • Ensure robust change control are in place as well as appropriate segregation of duties • Ensure transactions from all systems have been uploaded and that all import/export processes for all financial systems are in order. • Ensuring the integrity and controls from feeder system and interfaces are in accordance with finance policies and practices.
4.	<p>Processes improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a detailed understanding of accounting processes associated with the interaction between the financial management system and feeder systems including the maintenance and improvement of control procedures on reconciliations and reporting • Provide project management, input and guidance to finance improvement projects to ensure the best solution is implemented and to support the re-design of business processes as required, ensuring processes and controls are fully documented • Identify opportunities to improve financial processes and reporting, ensuring that the finance team provides a high standard of service.
5.	<p>Financial Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain financial reporting tools and dashboards within the financial systems, ensuring they meet the reporting needs of budget holders, senior management, external stakeholders and statutory regulations. • Development of financial reports, including budget monitoring and forecasting reports and variance analysis, to support decision-making and financial planning. • Development and maintenance of the system hierarchies, responsibilities and chart of accounts in accordance with best practice
6.	Completion of grant claims and returns in accordance with internal and statutory timelines
7.	Develop and deliver financial system training to users when needed.
8.	Any other duties deemed necessary applicable to the grade and responsibility level of the role.

GENERAL – To be aware of and implement the following:

Equalities – The council's Equality and Diversity Policy which sets out the council's commitment to advancing equality and social inclusion while celebrating the diversity within our communities.

Code of Conduct – All employees of Chesterfield Borough Council must comply with the Employees' Code of Conduct.

Health & safety – To comply with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act (1974) and carry out all duties in accordance with the Council's Health and Safety policy.

Staff Development - The Council's Performance & Development Review is an integral part of Chesterfield Borough Council's performance management framework as well as a key employee development procedure. You will be required to undertake any training required for the job role.

Data Protection – All employees must adhere to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 in respect of confidentiality and disclosure of data.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults - The council has both a moral and legal obligation to ensure a duty of care for children and vulnerable adults across its services. We are committed to ensuring that all children and vulnerable adults are protected and kept safe from harm, and we have a responsibility to safeguard and promote well-being.

Climate Change - The council's commitment to becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 and to support the wider Borough to become carbon neutral by 2050 in line with the Council's Climate Change Strategy.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF POST:

Political Restriction	YES		NO	X
Vetting Checks e.g. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)	YES	X	NO	
Flexible approach to time of work, with ability to work evenings and weekends as required by the needs of the service.	YES		NO	
You may be required to carry out those duties at your present workplace or at another council venue.	YES	X	NO	

It is the council's intention that this job description is seen as a guide to the main areas and duties for which the job holder is accountable. However, as the work that the council changes the job holder's obligations are also bound to vary and develop, so the job description should be seen as a guide and not as a permanent, definitive and exhaustive statement. This job description is non-contractual.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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DIRECTORATE:		DATE:	

KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / ABILITIES		Assessment Method Application Form, Presentation, Scenario based Exercise, Interview, Qualification / Certificates
Essential		
•	Thorough knowledge of local government finance and associated legislation, accounting standards and codes of practice	Application Form/Interview
•	Strong knowledge of financial systems administration, including system configuration, data management, and reporting tools	Application form / Interview
•	Advanced Excel skills, including the ability to manage large datasets and create complex financial reports	Interview
•	Clear understanding of financial controls, financial and management accounting procedures and accounting protocols and practices	Application Form/Interview
•	Strong knowledge of financial planning, budgeting, and forecasting processes	Interview
•	Analytical and problem-solving skills with the ability to interpret financial data	Interview
•	Excellent written and oral communication and presentation skills including report writing.	Application Form/Interview
•	Thorough knowledge financial reporting tools and systems to produce high quality financial reports	Application Form/Interview
•	Ability to communicate financial information clearly and effectively to a range of stakeholders, both financial and non-financial	Application Form/Interview
•	Ability to work independently and as part of a team and to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines	Application Form/Interview
EXPERIENCE		
Essential		
•	At least three years' experience of working in a finance department, preferably within a public sector environment	Application Form/Interview
•	Significant experience as a user and developer of maintaining and managing financial management/ ERP system	Application form / Interview

•	Proven history of supporting financial system upgrades, enhancements, or implementations	Interview
•	Experience of financial reporting, performing reconciliations and producing high quality working papers	Application Form/Interview
•	Experience of working with financial reporting, budgeting, and accounting systems	Application Form/Interview

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential

•	Fully or part qualified accountant (CCAB)/or AAT with significant experience.	Application Form/I
•	Evidence of continuous professional development by relevant professional, or management training and experience	Application Form/Interview

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Essential

•	To display the council's values and behaviours when carrying out the job role	Interview
•	To perform the job role in accordance with the specified level of the council's Competency Framework	Interview
•	Commitment to self-development, service improvement and organisational effectiveness	Interview

COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT:

Seeing the Big Picture	<p>Seeing the big picture is about having an in-depth understanding and knowledge of how your role fits with and supports the council plan and the wider public needs and the national interest. For all staff, it is about focusing your contribution on the activities which will meet the council goals and deliver the greatest value.</p> <p>For leaders, it is about scanning the political context and taking account of wider impacts to develop long term implementation strategies that maximise opportunities to add value to the customer and support economic, sustainable growth.</p>	Interview
Level: 1		
Changing and improving	People who are effective in this area take initiative, are innovative and seek out opportunities to create	Interview

Level: 1	<p>effective change. For all staff, it's about learning from what has worked as well as what has not, being open to change and improvement, and working in 'smarter', more focused ways.</p> <p>For leaders, this is about creating and encouraging a culture of innovation and allowing people to consider and take informed decisions. Doing this well means continuously seeking out ways to improve policy implementation and build a leaner, more flexible and responsive council. It also means making use of alternative delivery models including digital and partnership approaches wherever possible.</p>	
Making Effective Decisions	<p>Effectiveness in this area is about using sound judgement, evidence and knowledge to arrive at accurate, expert and professional decisions and advice. For all staff it's being careful and thoughtful about the use and protection of council and public information to ensure it is handled securely and with care.</p> <p>For leaders it's about reaching evidence-based strategies, evaluating options, impacts, risks and solutions and creating a security culture around the handling information. They will aim to maximise return while minimising risk and balancing a range of considerations to provide sustainable outcomes.</p>	Interview
Level: 1		
Leading & communicating	<p>At all levels, effectiveness in this area is about showing our pride and passion for public service, communicating purpose and direction with clarity, integrity, and enthusiasm.</p> <p>It's about championing difference and external experience and supporting principles of fairness of opportunity for all.</p> <p>For leaders, it is about being visible, establishing a strong direction and persuasive future vision; managing and engaging with people in a straightforward, truthful, and candid way.</p>	Interview
Level: 1		
Collaborating and partnering	<p>People skilled in this area are team players. At all levels, it requires working collaboratively, sharing information appropriately and building supportive, trusting and professional relationships with colleagues and a wide range of people within and outside the council, whilst having the confidence to challenge assumptions.</p> <p>For senior leaders, it's about being approachable, delivering business objectives through creating an inclusive environment, welcoming challenge however uncomfortable</p>	Interview
Level: 1		

Developing self and others	<p>Effectiveness in this area is having a strong focus on continuous learning for oneself, others and the organisation. For all staff, it's being open to learning, about keeping one's own knowledge and skill set current and evolving.</p> <p>For leaders, it's about investing in the capabilities of our people, to be effective now and in the future as well as giving clear, honest feedback and supporting teams to succeed. It's also about creating a learning and knowledge culture across the organisation to inform future plans and transformational change</p>	Interview
Level: 1		
Delivering Value for Money	<p>Delivering value for money involves the efficient, effective and economic use of taxpayers' money in the delivery of public services. For all staff, it means seeking out and</p> <p>implementing solutions which achieve the best mix of quality, and effectiveness for the least outlay. People who do this well base their decisions on evidenced information and follow agreed processes and policies, challenging these appropriately where they appear to prevent good value for money.</p> <p>For leaders it's about embedding a culture of value for money within their area/function. They work collaboratively across boundaries to ensure that the council maximises its strategic outcomes within the resources available</p>	Interview
Level: 1		
Managing a Quality Service	<p>Effectiveness in this area is about valuing and modelling professional excellence and expertise to deliver service objectives, taking account of diverse customer needs</p> <p>and requirements. People who are effective plan, organise and manage their time and activities to deliver a high quality, secure, reliable and efficient service, applying programme, project and risk management approaches to support service delivery.</p> <p>For leaders, it is about creating an environment to deliver operational excellence and creating the most appropriate and cost-effective delivery models for public services</p>	Interview
Level: 1		
Delivering at Pace	<p>Effectiveness in this area means focusing on delivering timely performance with energy and taking responsibility and accountability for quality outcomes. For all staff, it's about working to agreed goals and activities and dealing with challenges in a responsive and constructive way.</p>	Interview

Level: 1

For leaders, it is about building a performance culture where staff are given space, authority and support to deliver outcomes. It's also about keeping a firm focus on priorities and addressing performance issues resolutely, fairly and promptly