

Job Description –

Principal Flood Risk Officer

The post holder will have line management responsibility for a team of flood risk professionals carrying out works on diverse flood risk, flood alleviation, drainage strategy and drainage infrastructure projects to support the delivery of the council's Flood Risk Management Strategy action plan

Accountabilities/Responsibilities:

Responsible for service planning to develop and progress technical drainage and flood mitigation solutions

Develop and maintain effective processes for flood reporting, recording and investigation.

Design, plan and manage relevant surveys, assessments and audits e.g. undertake flood investigations, identifying causes of flooding.

Technical lead for flood risk projects in areas such as: business case reporting; surface water management; flood risk management strategies and assessments; development of resilience and resistance measures for flood risk; issuing Watercourse and Land drainage consents

The provision of high quality planning advice for major infrastructure projects; planning applications ensuring compliance with surface water flood risk and drainage requirements

Advise on having suitable internal structures for flood risk management in the event of an emergency, including liaison with the Council's civil contingencies officer and external groups/organisations.

Reviewing and advising on Sustainable Drainage matters as part of the Development Management process

Submit funding bids to external bodies for flood risk infrastructure projects

Working collaboratively with key stakeholders including the Environment Agency, IDB, water companies, neighbouring LLFA's, other flood risk authorities.

Brief elected members, management and members of the public on flooding strategies and respond to complaints as required

Person Specification – Principal Flood Risk Officer

Requirements:	Essential (E) or Desirable (D)
<p>Qualifications:</p> <p>Educated to degree level or equivalent in Engineering, Hydrology, Geography or a related field and / or substantial work experience.</p> <p>Chartered Membership (CIWEM or the ICE)</p>	<p>E</p> <p>D</p>
<p>Experience:</p> <p>Management and development of multi-site technical teams to ensure high quality service delivery within an uncertain environment</p> <p>Knowledge / experience of the flood risk planning system</p> <p>Knowledge / experience of flood risk management techniques including appraisals</p> <p>Experience of contributing towards tender responses and bids</p> <p>Experience of working positively with key stakeholders and the general public</p> <p>Experience in reviewing sustainable drainage plans as part of the development management process, and willing to get involved in developing flood risk mitigation schemes and progressing new projects</p> <p>Experience of drainage design and designing and implementing SuDS</p> <p>Preparation of Project Appraisal Reports to Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) guidance processes – PAR and 5CBM</p>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>E</p> <p>D</p> <p>D</p> <p>D</p>
<p>Knowledge and Skills:</p> <p>Extensive knowledge of the application, principles and underpinning legislation of flood risk management (to include the</p>	<p>E</p>

Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and The National Planning Policy Framework (2019).	
Ability to lead, develop, manage and motivate teams in a challenging and changing environment to ensure the achievement of relevant service targets.	E
A good understanding of the responsibilities and collaborative funding mechanisms of water companies, lead local flood authorities and the Environment Agency in relation to flood risk and drainage.	E
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate complicated and contentious information with varied audiences to include Councillors and the general public	E
Political awareness and understanding of the strategic objectives of the Council and how the post holder can contribute to those objectives	E
Strong analytical skills and problem solving capability and the ability to apply technical/specialist judgement to ensure service area objectives are achieved	E
Ability to develop policies and procedures in line with legal and statutory regulations and local initiatives	E
Other (including special requirements):	
Commitment to equality and diversity.	E
Commitment to health and safety.	E
Display the LCC values and behaviours at all times and actively promote them in others.	E
This is an essential car user post. <i>(In certain circumstances consideration may be given to applicants who, as a consequence of disability, are unable to drive.)</i>	E