**Senior Planning Officer – Job Description**

**About the role:**

The County Council is wishing to recruit an environmental professional to undertake development management duties including dealing with planning applications for minerals and waste management operations and the County Council's own development, providing pre application advice, input into NSIP projects and other strategic issues and enforcement of planning control. There will also be scope for the post holder to input into planning policy work including the review of the minerals and waste local plan.

**About you:**

We are looking for someone with an interest in environmental issues particularly in relation to the minerals and waste industries. You should have a good knowledge of town and country planning legislation and procedures.

You should have, or be working towards, a degree or equivalent in town and country planning, geography or other related environmental discipline. Previous experience of minerals and waste operations in a town and country planning context is not essential but you should have an interest in minerals and waste management development and associated environmental issues.

You should have excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills with good report writing skills. You should also demonstrate good attention to detail and be able to analyse environmental reports and data to produce clear conclusions. You should be able to devise solutions to complex environmental problems.

The role is based at County Hall in Preston; however we embrace flexible working and understand that it can support the diverse needs of our team, empowering them to achieve a better work/life balance around their personal obligations. We support a variety of arrangements which work for both individuals and the organisation and would be keen to discuss these arrangements with you to support you best in this role.

We offer a supportive and inclusive environment, where you’ll be encouraged to make the most of your talents and interests. We invest in our staff and are eager to support your development by enabling you to undertake training courses, attend conferences and work on a range of diverse and interesting projects. For candidates without a first degree in planning, there may be opportunities to gain such a qualification through day release or similar apprenticeship scheme.

**Please ensure you have uploaded and attached your supporting statement to evidence how you meet the Person Specification criteria for the role.**

Please note that whilst all points on the person specification are important, those marked with 'E' (Essential) are the key requirements and you should pay particular attention to these essential points and provide evidence of meeting them in relation to the job specification.

For further information about the post, or an informal chat, please contact Jonathan Haine, Head of Development Management and Planning Policy, 01772 534140, Jonathan.haine@lancashire.gov.uk

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**Person Specification – Grade 9**

| **Criteria** | **Essential (E) or Desirable (D)** | **Identified by Application Form (A) or Interview (I)** |
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| **Qualifications:** |  |  |
| Degree (or be working towards) in town and country planning, geography or related environmental discipline | E | A |
| **Experience:** |  |  |
| At least three years experience of town and country planning either in development management or planning policy context | E | A/I |
| Experience of minerals and waste development management | D | A/I |
| **Knowledge and skills:** |  |  |
| Knowledge of minerals and waste industries and associated environmental issues | E | A/I |
| Excellent report writing skills and good attention to detail | E | A/I |
| Ability to analyse environmental reports and to devise solutions to environmental issues | E | A/I |
| Ability to work under pressure and flexibility to manage own workload to meet strict timescales | E | A/I |
| Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills | E | A/I |
| Knowledge of national policy and guidance relevant to planning and specifically to minerals and waste development | E | A/I |
| Knowledge of planning enforcement procedures and practices | D | A/I |
| Understanding of the local plan preparation process  | D | A/I |
| **Other essential requirements:** |  |  |
| Commitment to equality and diversity | E | I |
| Ability to cope with the physical demands of visiting mineral extraction and waste management sites | E | A/I |
| Commitment to health and safety | E | I |
| Display the LCC values and behaviours at all times and actively promote them in others | E | I |
| Full UK driving licence and availability of a vehicle to use for work purposes | E | A/I |