

Main duties

1. To take a principal role in the development of transport planning partnerships and working groups, including representing the Council through established forums
2. To lead transport strategy and policy development for the Council's Local Plan and other spatial planning workstreams and projects.
3. To prepare and effectively communicate specialist transport planning advice to Council committees, working groups, meetings and events, including providing advice on development proposals to development management colleagues.
4. To appear on behalf of the Council at planning appeal hearings, inquiries, examinations in public and equivalent forums.
5. To manage and supervise team officers, to contribute to the overall management of the team including recruitment, ensuring quality team performance.
6. To provide support to the Council to help deliver relevant Council and Corporate Plan ambitions including in relation to climate change and air quality.
7. To assist the Planning Policy Manager in the preparation of relevant budget estimates, capital and revenue growth bids.

Knowledge and experience

1. Substantial experience working in strategic transport planning.
2. A detailed knowledge of transport policy and the wider policy context at different spatial scales and how these impact on Local Plan-making and development planning.
3. Knowledge and understanding of the ways in which transport planning can contribute to achieving sustainable well-designed development, for example through masterplanning, which balances the needs of the economy, society and the environment.
4. Knowledge of current relevant planning legislation and national guidance.
5. Experience in liaising and negotiating with, and developing partnerships with, a range of transport network and service providers and funders.
6. Experience of producing and presenting reports that communicate key issues and options in a clear and concise way, which can be easily understood by a variety of audiences.
7. Political awareness – an understanding and appreciation of the political relationships and processes within local government.
8. Knowledge and experience of specifying, analysing and interpreting and reporting on a variety of transport planning data sources, including specifying and managing the delivery of transport modelling by partners and consultants.
9. An understanding of procuring and working with consultants.

Skills

1. Excellent verbal and written communication skills including ability to use these to develop effective working practices with internal and external customers.
2. Ability to specify, analyse, interpret and report on a variety of transport planning data sources.
3. Ability to prepare and give evidence at examination and appeal inquiry.
4. Ability to work independently with minimum supervision to manage a large workload and meet challenging deadlines and targets and respond to frequent changes in work whilst maintaining performance.
5. Excellent administrative and organisational skills, and be able to time-manage and prioritise a number of ongoing projects at any one time.
6. Ability to supervise, mentor and develop staff in an accessible, approachable and supportive manner.
7. Ability to work effectively with team members and colleagues throughout the Council to achieve corporate goals.
8. Ability to relate well to people at all levels and able to work effectively and diplomatically with councillors, staff and other stakeholders.
9. Ability to develop innovative solutions to a wide range of problems.