

Senior Planning Officer – Grade 12

Job purpose

We are a large metropolitan district authority with diverse towns and villages ranging from Dewsbury at the edge of Leeds, the university town of Huddersfield to Holmfirth at the edge of the Peak District within stunning Pennine countryside. We have ambitious long-term visions to create thriving, modern-day town centres in Huddersfield and Dewsbury.

We are just starting on the challenge of updating our adopted Local Plan to ensure that we are meeting future housing and employment needs to support the council's ambitions to allow the district to flourish and prosper. We already provide a strong focus on design by ensuring our buildings and spaces are of a high quality through master-planning and the production of a quality places Supplementary Planning Guidance. The national requirement for a district-wide design code will build on this work. Meeting the challenges of how planning policy can support the council's Climate Change Action Plan will be key moving forward looking at sustainable development, Active Travel, building design and other opportunities. We recognise there are challenges ahead in developing a new Local Plan, not least in balancing the expectations of growth with our vibrant local communities, the infrastructure requirements, and our quality landscapes. Working with our communities, elected members and landowners will be integral to us building inclusive communities and delivering a new plan. We are preparing for a bright future which is why we need to strengthen our Planning team with this high-profile role.

At Kirklees we want to be innovative and creative in the way we work to deliver our services to our communities, so we are always looking for better and smarter ways to work. This is why the service needs forward thinking and driven individuals to take us forward on our new journey.

This role is based within [Growth and Regeneration](#). Find out more about [working for Kirklees](#).

Key areas of responsibility

See specific job focus sheet.

Position of job in organisational structure

See specific job focus sheet.

Employee Specification

See Specific Job focus sheet.

Behaviours and expectations

The right behaviours and attitudes are as important to us as the skills you bring to the job. We expect all our employees to demonstrate the following behaviours:

- Positive
- Honesty
- Respectful
- Flexible
- Communicative
- Supportive

You will also promote and be a role model of the Council's expectations of a New Council Employee within the organisation. This role is at level 2. Find out more about [Council Behaviours and Expectations](#).

General information

See your responsibilities related to [Safeguarding](#).

Driving licence or able to travel independently across Kirklees, exceptions maybe made for disabled candidates.

This Job Profile is intended to provide an understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities of this particular job. It is not possible to specify every detail and we expect you to work flexibly within your skills, knowledge, experience, and grade of this job.

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Job Category	Planning Services	Grading ID	63460
Job ID	80101098	Last Updated	November 2023
Job Focus	Yes	Career Progression	No

Contractual Variants

DBS Category	No	DBS Type	No
Health Check	No	Politically Restricted	H-Sens-Advice to Cllrs
24/7 working	No	Public Holidays	No
Night Working	No	Alternating Pattern	No
Standby	No	Other	No
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