



ROLE PROFILE

Role Title: **Apprentice – Democratic Services**

Service: **Legal & Democratic Services**

Directorate: **Transformation & Resources.**

Accountable to: **Democratic Services Manager**

Grade: **Apprentice**

Work Style: **Flexible Office based worker**

Purpose of role

- To undertake responsive and flexible clerical and administrative duties as part of a team including answering the telephone, photocopying, scanning and computer data input.
- To assist in servicing meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Groups and other Bodies and provide support services to Members, including the Leader and the Mayor.

Key Objectives

1	To undertake general administrative work within the section as part of the team, including answering the telephone, photocopying, word processing and data entry.
2	To assist in making arrangements for meetings of the Council, its Committees and Sub-Committees, Cabinet, Working Groups and other official meetings.
3	To assist in the preparation of the Agenda and Minutes and the collation of reports for the meetings referred to at 2 above
4	To assist in the circulation of updates to the Council's Constitution to Members and Officers and appropriate groups/individuals.
5	To assist in providing support services to the Leader, the Mayor and other Members.



6	To assist with Civic and Ceremonial events hosted by the Council.
7	To assist in the preparation of signed Minutes and make arrangements for Minutes and Report Books to be bound.
8	To assist in maintaining and keeping up to date the Register of Members Interests, Declaration of Interests and other related records.
9	To input information into the Council Information System (Modern.gov) database
10	To assist when necessary other clerical duties as required by the Team.

Scope

The post holder will support the team providing services to support Councillors and Political Governance Structures of the Council. In doing so, they will assist the Democratic Services Team to work collaboratively across the whole organisation and with Elected Members, all levels of staff and with external partners and other organisations.

Work Profile

1. Strategy

To have a supporting role in the service plan for the Democratic Services team. Their role will contribute to the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan.

2. Performance

The post holder will be responsible for the successful delivery of the tasks that they have are allocated and contribute to the overall performance of the wider team.

3. Service Quality

The post holder will assist in maintaining service quality to external and internal customers, through the effective delivery of their allocated tasks.

4. Resource Management

The post holder has no direct line management responsibility nor any budgetary responsibilities.



The post holder will ensure the appropriate use of vehicles, equipment and personal protective equipment provided to the individual in order to undertake their role.

5. Supervision and Management

The post holder has no direct line management responsibility.

6. Culture

The post holder will support the development of a positive organisational culture that is outward looking, evidence based and customer focused.

The post holder will promote equality of opportunity in the delivery of the duties of the role.

7. Communications

The post holder will closely liaise with other services, Elected Members and the general public as appropriate to the role, to ensure that the Council is able to respond effectively and efficiently to customers.

They will promote the service through demonstrable commitment to a high quality, excellent standards.

They will provide progress reports at agreed intervals, to the Democratic Services Manager as appropriate, detailing progress made, any risks identified and possible next steps.

8. Main Contacts Associated with Principal Duties

The post holder will be in regular contact with their immediate team, Service Managers and their teams, Elected Members and partner agencies.

Less regularly, they will be in contact with Corporate Directors, the Chief Operating Officer and Human Resources.

9. Commitment

The Council's normal working week for the purposes of calculation of premium rates and enhancements is Monday to Friday 7 am to 7 pm. The Councils operates a standard working week of 36 hours.



10. Risk Management

The post holder will be responsible for clearly identifying risks relating to standards of customer service and where possible or reasonable, to provide recommendations for mitigating action. They may be asked to lead on implementing the actions required to manage the risk effectively.

11. Working conditions

The post holder may be in contact with members of the public or cases that are difficult and require sensitivity, confidentiality and discretion. They may also be in receipt of sensitive data and information in the course of carrying out their duties and will be expected to fully comply with legal requirements and Council policy, in the handling of this.

12. Equal Opportunities

The Council is committed to achieving equality of opportunity both in the delivery of services to the community and its employment arrangements. We expect all employees to understand and promote our policies in their work.

13. Customer Focus:

To meet the Council's Standards of Customer Care at all times.

14. Core Tasks

To undertake any other duties which may be required within the needs of the service that are commensurate with the grade.

15. Health & Safety

All employees have a responsibility for their own health & safety and that of others while undertaking their duties. Employees have a general duty to assist the Council in implementing its general statement on health & safety policy.

16. Legislation

To comply with Data Protection legislation and all other relevant and applicable statutory legislation together with Council policies and procedures



17. Training & Development

To comply with the Council's policies and practices relating to training and development, including a regular development appraisal.

18. I.T.

The post holder is expected to comply with the Council's policies and practices relating to use of I.T. and equipment.

19. Creativity

The post holder can contribute ideas relating to the tasks that they undertake, to their line manager for consideration.

20. Decisions and Consequences

The post holder will usually carry out allocated tasks and duties under the supervision of their line manager.

21. Work Context

The above duties and responsibilities do not include or define all tasks, which may be required to be undertaken by the post holder. The duties and responsibilities may vary without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed. These factors are reflected in the grading of the post.

22. Physical Demands

It is not anticipated that there would be any physical demands of the job over and above those expected for office-based work.

23. Apprenticeship Ambassador

The post holder is expected to be an Apprenticeship Ambassador, this will involve championing apprenticeships activities such as being involved in career events, Ambassador networks and participating in other promotional apprenticeship events and material.



PERSON SPECIFICATION

In this section the Skills, Knowledge, Qualification and Competency requirements to perform the role to a satisfactory standard are set out. The extent, nature and level of the role holder's knowledge and skills should be specified

PERSON SPECIFICATION	Examples specific to role	Required		Method of Assessment Application (A) Interview (I), Testing (T), Reference (R)
		Essential	Desirable	
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE Technical knowledge and qualifications	Minimum qualification of GCSE English and Mathematics at grade C (grade 4-9) or equivalent comparable work experience or the successful completion of a West Lancs Apprenticeship placement and qualification in a related subject.	X		A
	Experience of carrying out administrative duties or working in a customer focussed role in an office environment		X	A, I, T
	Possess excellent keyboard skills	X		A, I, T
	Experience of using MS Office applications including Word	X		A, I, T
Planning and organising work	Methodical and well organised, with a commitment to providing a quality service and attention to detail	X		A, I, T
Planning capacity and resources	Able to work flexibly including working outside normal hours at busy periods and at Civic functions	X		A, I
Influencing and interpersonal skills	Good standard of communication skills including written and spoken	X		A, I
	Developed interpersonal and organisational skills	X		A, I



	Ability to deal confidently with high level of direct contact with the public and service users		X	A, I
	Political understanding and sensitivity		X	A, I
PROBLEM-SOLVING	Creativity and committed to providing high quality services	X		A, I
Using initiative to overcome problems	Ability identify and assist in the implementation of solutions to issues and be a champion of change.	X		A, I
Managing risk	Able to identify, report and mitigate any risks encountered during the execution of the role	X		A, I
Managing change	Able to handle change with a resilient and positive attitude	X		A, I
ACCOUNTABILITY and RESPONSIBILITY	Able to work well with minimal supervision	X		A, I
Undertakes tasks without supervision				
Other	Commitment to Equality	X		A, I
	Commitment to Health & Safety	X		A, I
	Satisfactory Baseline Personnel Security Standard Check	X		Document Checks (includes Basic DBS)
	Willingness to engage in promotional apprenticeship activities	X		I

COMPETENCIES REQUIRED – All post holders must be able to comply with the Council’s Expected Behavioural Standards which include:

- **Putting customers first;**
- **Being positive and adaptable;**
- **Taking responsibility and achieving results;**
- **Working together;**
- **We do what we say we will do when we say we will do it.**



In addition, for those posts with management responsibilities the Expected Behavioural Standards will include:

- Service delivery and change management;
- Financial and resource management;
- Leading, motivating and developing.

Other information

- able to travel to meet service delivery requirements
- available to undertake work outside of normal working hours

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Democratic Services Manager	Legal & Democratic Services Manager	
Print Line Manager	Print Head of Service	Date: 13/04/22