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| Post Title: Policy and Project Support Assistant to the Chief Executive (CSS Scale 4)  **Service Area:** Strategy and Design  **Directorate:** CSS  **Team:** Strategy and Performance | Salary Grade: Scale 4 |
| **Post Reports to: CSS Manager**  **Post Responsible for: n/a** | |
| **Main Purpose of the Job:**   * Comprehensive and confidential personal support to the Chief Executive * First point of contact for anyone wishing to see or speak to the Chief Executive * Manage the Chief Executive’s calendars and meetings including organising, attending and minuting meetings * Anticipate and address the needs of the Chief Executive * Policy and project support to the Chief Executive’s Office, including provision of research and information and undertaking specific tasks and activities to meet clear objectives. * Acknowledging, directing and ensuring a response to complaints * Direct support to Corporate Leadership Team meetings including requesting and collating papers and distributing agendas | |
| **Summary of responsibilities and key areas:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | To contribute to the key aims and objectives of the organisation, both within the post holder’s specific remit, across the section and Council as a whole.    **1. Problem Solving/Creativity/Maintaining standards**   * Respond to issues requiring a general understanding of work-area policies and procedures. * Resolve non-routine problems in a thorough and timely manner; using discretion and knowing who to go to in order to resolve issues and complete tasks. * Consider presenting situations, and select the most appropriate response based upon experience. * Obtain and use relevant information from various sources to solve problems that impact own work area. * Update manuals/procedures and provide training and support to colleagues when necessary * Work as part of team understanding and focussing on how the role supports the teams and departments priorities   **2. Responsibility and accountability**   * Responsible for the receipt and acknowledgement of queries with appropriate tracking of response * Responsible for prioritising your own work when there are competing demands * Responsible for supporting and supervising others where appropriate * Responsible for implementing best practice guidelines in handling personal and sensitive information   **3. Communication**   * Communicate established processes and procedures to a range of audiences as required. * Communicate effectively within the Democratic processes. * Communicate detailed information/advice within own work area and to colleagues from others. * Answer general questions and refer more complex questions to supervisor/manager. * Deal with difficult customers in an appropriate manner.   **4. Decision Making**   * Make decisions based upon specific instructions, standard practices, and established procedures that generally require some interpretation in service areas. * Gather related detail and make recommendations to solve problems of moderate complexity. * Exercise confidentiality of personal and sensitive information based on the Councils Information Governance policy and procedures. * Be aware of the risks associated with the service and its information and seek appropriate advice.   **5. Knowledge & Skill**   * Good standard of working knowledge to undertake a range of tasks in the allocated work area * Keep up to date with issues relating to the work of the team and department * Research information from a range of different sources, internally and externally to help inform own knowledge to benefit the work of the team * Ability to use appropriate systems in place to support the service area in which you areplaced, with specific support and training. |  | | |
| **Additional responsibilities:**  To work positively and inclusively with colleagues and customers so that the Council provides a workplace and delivers services that do not discriminate against people on the ground of their age, sexuality, religion or belief, race, gender or disabilities.  To fulfill personal requirements, where appropriate, with regard to Council policies and procedures, standards of attendance, health, safety and welfare, customer care, emergency, evacuation, security and promotion of the Council’s priorities.  To work flexibly in the interests of the service. This may include undertaking other duties provided that these are appropriate to the employee’s background, skills and abilities. Where this occurs there will be consultation with the employee and any necessary personal development will be taken into account. | |

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Competency Person Specification

The criteria listed below represent the most important skills, experience, technical expertise and qualifications needed for this job role.

Your application will be assessed against these criteria to determine whether or not you are shortlisted for interview.  Any interview questions, or additional assessments (tests, presentations etc) will be broadly based on the criteria below.

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| **Competency** | **Essential or Desirable** |
| To work to the Council’s values and behaviours:   * To keep the people of **Stockport** at the heart of what we do * To succeed as a **team**, collaborating with colleagues and partners * To drive things forward with **ambition**, creativity and confidence * To value and **respect** our colleagues, partners and customers | Essential |
| **Secretarial and Administrative skills** |  |
| Secretarial and administrative experience and skills | Essential |
| Meeting governance and minute taking | Essential |
| **Project management/ Organisational skills** |  |
| Experience of supporting projects and/or teams, achieving objectives | Essential |
| Effective organisational skills, working across multiple projects | Essential |
| Experience of working flexibly across teams to support key projects and activities | Essential |
| Ability to work accurately under pressure to tight deadlines | Essential |
| Analytical skills with the ability to problem solve and interpret information | Essential |
| **Communication Skills** |  |
| Effective interpersonal skills, working with colleagues to achieve positive outcomes | Essential |
| Experience of developing a trusted relationship and providing support to Senior Managers | Essential |
| Effective oral and written communication skills | Essential |
| **Experience** |  |
| Experience of working in a local government, public sector or similar environment. | Essential |
| TO BE INCLUDED WHEN THE ROLE IS COVERED BY THE FLUENCY DUTY (SEE GUIDANCE ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT)  The ability to converse at ease with service users/customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English. | Essential |