Role profile

**Parking Technical Officer**

**Our values:**

**We are dedicated, respectful, collaborative. We are Milton Keynes City Council.**

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| **Service** | Highways and Transportation |
| **Reports to** | Network and Enforcement Manager |
| **Job family** | Professional and Technical |
| **Grade** | G |
| **Political restricted?** | N |
| **DBS required?** |  |
| **Date** | April 2024 |
| **JE Code** | JE2627 |

Key deliverables

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| **1** | To manage the programme of traffic order production to support the capital and revenue works of the division, ensuring that the process meets all public and statutory consultation requirements for experimental and permanent traffic orders. |
| **2** | To develop and manage, in conjunction with colleagues, systems to distribute data and disseminate information relating to traffic orders on the council’s GIS and other IT systems. |
| **3** | To prepare reports and give evidence on matters within the scope of the division for presentation at public inquiries, community councils, Member committees and working groups and to attend as required. |
| **4** | To assist in the drawing up and implementation of quality procedures and to follow quality procedures in the carrying out of duties. |
| **5** | To undertake negotiations and liaise with external consultants, developers, clients, senior Council officers, and officers of government departments and other authorities and organisations and provide formal responses to correspondence. |
| **6** | To manage the programme of traffic order production to support the capital and revenue works of the division, ensuring that the process meets all public and statutory consultation requirements for experimental and permanent traffic orders. |
| **7** | To attend Court Hearings, public hearings and give evidence and prepare proofs of evidence as required. |
| **8** | To ensure that all relevant operations are conducted in accordance with current legislation, codes of practice, Council policy etc. and to keep abreast of technical developments to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and to be able to take forward innovation relating to the duties of the post. |
| **9** | To exercise financial control of expenditure in respect of schemes and projects for which the post holder is responsible and to carry out other duties and tasks, which may be, assigned from time to time to meet the needs of the service. |
| **10** | To develop briefs, feasibility studies and undertake design and implementation of parking schemes, using specialist IT software, such as AutoCAD, Auto-Track and other technical design software. |

*Within reason these key deliverables may evolve to meet service need and it is expected that you will be flexible and adaptable in your delivery to meet both service and city council wide needs*

**Essential requirements** Key skills, expertise, and qualifications

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| **1** | A recognised degree or equivalent qualification in civil engineering, transport or project management or similar equivalent. |
| **2** | Good knowledge of drafting legal documents and the ability to deal with a variety of correspondence and prepare written replies and reports. Including eexperience of producing timely, concise and accurate briefing papers and reports that are easy to read. |
| **3** | Detailed working knowledge of appropriate Acts and legislation associated with traffic order making, parking and traffic signs as well as the knowledge of the legislation relating to the Council’s role as a Traffic and Highways Authority. |
| **4** | Knowledge and experience of the role of IT in the storage and retrieval of traffic management orders |
| **5** | Experience in managing consultants/ contractors, including the ability to negotiate and work with external partners or consultants in the production of traffic orders. |
| **6** | Ability to provide professional guidance to Members, Senior Management and the Section on all matters relating to Traffic Orders. |
| **7** | Ability to work independently with little supervision, to meet agreed work plans and deadlines and required performance targets. As well as the ability to work corporately with other services. |

Job family

**Professional and Technical (Grade G)**

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| **Colleague expectations**   * Be professional at all times * Work together for the good of the team, city council and local people * Promote a supportive culture * Challenge assumptions * Take ownership * Be willing to change and do things differently * Always work in a safe manner | **Manager expectations**   * Be a role model by displaying positive behaviours at all times * Make well-considered decisions * Support, coach and communicate with my team * Be accountable for my team’s performance |

Professional and Technical job holders rely upon their deep knowledge of the specialism or discipline in which they work to carry out vital tasks and provide authoritative advice to others. Often developing within recognised career paths, their evolving expertise sees them bear increasing responsibility for managing city council assets, the development of policies and procedures and the strategic direction of the functions they support.

This element of the profile, taken from the job family descriptor for this grade, provides a general understanding of the level of work and demands required.

**Role characteristics**

At this level roles require an in depth, theoretical understanding of their particular discipline to solve complex problems, offer evidence based, provide authoritative advice to colleagues / service users and manage teams and/or other resource assets.

**The knowledge and skills required**

The broad knowledge requirement needed to deal with the technical and business challenges of roles is usually underpinned by an appreciation of the theoretical basis of the particular discipline, such that job holders can fall back on the first principles of their specialism to make decisions and offer advice.

This level of knowledge is often indicated by the need for a degree level education in the relevant field, but for some roles this is substituted by a significant level of on-the-job training and focussed experience such that the level of expertise confers a similar level of authority.

Roles will have demands for manual dexterity in relation to typing and similar functions, other jobs will use a range of equipment requiring precision in their use and handling.

**Thinking, planning and communication**

The situations and problems dealt with at this level will be increasingly complex, involving several information streams where analytical and judgemental skills will be needed to interpret information correctly and determine optimum solutions.

Job holders will have plenty of day to day issues to contend with, they will also need to plan some months ahead to achieve medium-term objectives in such areas as project support or service development.

At this level, the information exchanged with internal and external colleagues, and members of the public will call for developed communication skills on the part of the job holders. Matters will be technically complicated, requiring careful explanation, or sensitive, requiring significant listening skills to interpret information and provide appropriate advice.

**Decision making and innovation**

Job holders will have the autonomy to adapt specific approaches to better meet medium term objectives. They will be bound by the recognised procedural framework of their specialism as it is managed by the city council but will decide when and precisely how duties are to be carried out. They will also deal with problems (often escalated to this level) for which there are no set-down routes to a solution other than broad service practice guidelines.

**Areas of responsibility**

With a diverse range of jobs being represented at this level, the precise blend of responsibilities for which the job holder is accountable will depend upon the service in which they operate.

External facing roles will focus on the needs of people whether external service users or partners and will be responsible for high impact decision making and the implementation of appropriate programmes on behalf of individuals or groups of people or enforcement of regulations which have direct and significant consequences upon those served. Such roles are likely to have only modest levels of responsibility for finance, information assets, equipment and/or premises.

Internal roles are likely to have this pattern reversed, with weightier responsibility for significant financial and non-financial assets, but less for the assessment of needs of individuals and groups.

Jobs will have supervisory responsibility for the work of others and will be accountable for the quality and timeliness of outputs, whether related to the work of internal teams or temporary external contractors, volunteers or others.

**Impacts and demands**

Tasks and duties will be generally carried out in a sedentary position but there will always be a requirement for standing and walking from time to time, and the occasional need to lift or carry items.

The problem solving and decision-making elements of these jobs mean that job holders require lengthy periods of enhanced mental attention to attend to duties, while also dealing with deadlines, interruptions and conflicting demands.

Duties of jobs at this level will not require job holders to develop and maintain working relationships with people who, through their circumstances or behaviour, place particular emotional demands on the job holder.

Many Professional and Technical job holders find themselves exposed to some disagreeable, unpleasant or hazardous working conditions. Particularly when the needs of their specialism require them to work on external sites exposed to the weather, in or around refuse and waste plant, close to particularly noisy machinery and in similar environments.

Other jobs, such as enforcement roles, may also see job holders exposed to verbal abuse and threatening environments. In all cases, job holders will minimise risk and conform to health and safety regulations to mitigate any negative effects of such exposure.