Role profile

**Supply and Acquisitions Support Officer**

**Our values:**

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

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| **Service** | Adult Services |
| **Reports to** | Senior Officer – Supply and Acquisitions |
| **Job family** | Professional and Technical |
| **Grade** | D |
| **Political restricted?** | N |
| **DBS required?** | Y – basic |
| **Date** | July 2025 |
| **JE Code** | JE2103 |

Key deliverables

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| **1** | To provide outstanding, customer-focussed and efficient service to external customers, supporting the full Supply and Acquisitions service to achieve high performance and be responsible for providing operational support to this service. |
| **2** | To be responsible for carrying out the full range of duties to support colleagues in Supply and Acquisitions, including compiling reports, updating relevant systems, managing the email and digital aspect of the service, arranging communication plans set by the Service Manager, diary management. |
| **3** | Ensuring that all HHSRS inspections are diarised, completed and systems are updated effectively and in real time. |
| **4** | Providing advice and information to external customers so they understand the types of incentives and plans available to them. |
| **5** | To work collaboratively with allocations colleagues and anti-social behaviour colleagues as well as internal colleagues in Housing Solutions, Adult, Children’s Services and external stakeholders including registered providers and private sector landlords. |
| **6** | Consider applicants support needs and associated risks, escalating as required and making appropriate referrals, such as safeguarding or safety aspects. |
| **7** | Maintaining thorough up to date system logs. |
| **8** | Monitoring risks, understanding how and when to escalate these to line management and ensuring any new risk identified is reported and included in risk assessments and risk management plans. |
| **9** | Development of strong empathic professional relationships with external and internal customers, working with all officers to manage complex situations. |

*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** | Understanding of the legislative frameworks and statutory requirements relating to the Commissioning and Supply and Acquisitions. |
| **2** | Practical evidence of developing and maintaining good working relationships with a wide range of customers/stakeholders |
| **3** | Ability to respond effectively to changeable or challenging situations, remaining clam and measured in approach to challenge. |
| **4** | A sound understanding of current issues affecting social housing and private housing provision, and proactive, problem solving initiative to support a wide range of customer needs |
| **5** | Good level of IT, written and oral communication skills. |

Job family

**Professional and Technical (Grade D)**

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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 solve varied problems and have a work horizon several weeks ahead. They are proactive in seeking solutions to unexpected issues and their experience allows them to work independently within the limits of their team responsibility.

**The knowledge and skills required**

Well versed in the complex technical procedures of their specialism, job holders will have undergone dedicated formal education/training in the development of their expertise. This level is also appropriate for those with graduate level qualifications conferring a theoretical understanding of their field, but without a great deal of specific experience.

While the majority of 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**

Job holders will need to make judgements as well as creative choices related to the tasks they carry out and the advice or guidance they give others. Problems are likely to crop up quite regularly and their solutions will come from both standard practice guidelines and reliance upon job holders’ technical expertise in their particular discipline. Job holders will deal with many day-to-day issues but will also be required to plan ahead several weeks ahead to achieve personal and team goals.

The terminology used within job holders’ specialism can be a barrier to communication, so job holders will need to exercise their interpersonal skills to effectively exchange factual information with a range of audiences. Job holders will help others understand issues and make choices, guide and advise, offer choices and suggest alternatives.

**Decision making and innovation**

Job holders enjoy some autonomy in determining the best practical approach to meeting goals and targets. Although working in a team context where working to recognised procedures ensures consistency, they will need to respond independently to unexpected problems and situations, referring particularly unusual or difficult issues to a manager.

**Areas of responsibility**

At this level, rather than provide a straightforward service to others, job holders will need to carefully assess their specific needs and tailor their response appropriately. Alternatively, some roles will be responsible for implementing regulations in such areas as public health, housing or democratic governance.

There will be no supervisory responsibility at this level, but job holders may assist with the orientation of new starters, volunteers or students.

Given the diversity of jobs, the specific nature of responsibilities will depend upon the needs of the team. They are likely to be either financial accountability at the level of regular cash handling or monitoring/spending from an agreed budget or the careful use and maintenance of significant Council assets such as vehicles, equipment, information and resources.

**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 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.