

Kent County Council

Job Description:

Director – Environment, Planning & Enforcement

Date: November 2013

Directorate:	Place
Division:	Environment, Planning and Enforcement
Grade:	KR17
Responsible to:	Corporate Director Place

Job Purpose

Lead and direct the delivery of strategies that ensure efficient and cost effective provision of Planning, Environment, Leisure & Enforcement services to support the key strategic requirements and business needs of Kent.

Accountabilities

Directors will work within the KCC Corporate Responsibilities for Senior Officers. In addition, as members of Extended Corporate Management Team, Directors and Corporate Directors will work together to make strategic decisions on the most effective use of the Council's agreed budget, resources and policies and enhance the reputation of Kent as a place as well as Kent County Council as the democratic agent of change in the region.

Direct the delivery of Kent's strategic priorities through a range of strategic and community based services ensuring cost effective and quality assured partnerships are in place to deliver effective and seamless services.

Ensure the delivery, planning and execution of the County Council's Development Control role, the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and input to Local Development Plans.

Develop and commission the delivery of best value, customer facing strategies to ensure environmental sustainability through effective programmes and partnerships.

Determine the County's statutory strategic flood risk management response, to ensure protection for residents, businesses, industry and the natural environment.

Direct the delivery of community safety, working in partnership with districts, Kent Fire and Rescue and Kent Police to ensure statutory responsibilities e.g. police and crime panel and domestic homicide reviews are carried out efficiently and effectively.

Establish and commission the delivery of customer focused commercial strategies that ensure Kent's local community and business needs are met through effective development management.

Lead and direct the delivery of strategies which ensure adequate planning to enable the County to meet the needs of the Gypsy & Traveler community in Kent.

Lead and direct the delivery of strategies to ensure the conservation, management and promotion of all aspects of the natural, historic and coastal environment in Kent.

Lead and direct the works-streams to ensure and deliver effective strategic pan-Kent transportation plans, initiatives and new strategic road and rail infrastructure across the county which supports the economy, working with a wide range of external and governmental partners.

Actively review all services provided by this post to identify the 'right source' for their future delivery including consideration of outsourcing, co-sourcing or in-sourcing to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery methods are employed..

This job description sets out the accountabilities specific to the role. These should be read in conjunction with the Corporate Responsibilities that apply to the Corporate Director and Director roles.

Services

Sustainability and Climate Change

Heritage Conservation

Country Parks

Strategic Transport Planning

Planning Applications Group

Regulatory Services- Including Public Rights of Way & Access,

Trading Standards, Coroners, KSS & Countryside Management

Partnerships

Flood Risk and Natural Environment

Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Sport

Community Safety & Emergency Planning

Gypsy and Traveller Unit

Local Development Plans

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