

Kent County Council

Job Description:

Director – Education Quality and Standards

Date: November 2013

Directorate:	Education and Young People Services
Division:	Education Quality and Standards
Grade:	KR17
Responsible to:	Corporate Director Education and Young People's Services

Job Purpose:

Lead strategies to promote and maintain high standards of education in all settings for children and young people to improve education and skills for all children and young people in 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.

Lead and coordinate improvements in the Early Years sector, schools and 14-19 sector, ensuring that good systems are in place for policy development, performance management, support and challenge for schools, Early Years settings and 14-19 providers, analysing and using data and promoting effective partnership working and user engagement.

Direct the Council's 14-24 strategy to increase learning opportunities for learners, promote work based learning and increase employability.

Lead on all evaluation and impact work in the Early Years sector, schools and the 14-19 sector.

Establish links with Further Education colleges and other vocational providers and employers to ensure maximum opportunities for young people to develop high levels of qualifications, work related skills and gain employment.

Develop partnership working with schools, Academies and Early Years settings to ensure maximum engagement of the education community on raising standards and negotiate with statutory agencies where necessary.

Work in partnership with senior managers across KCC to ensure integrated services for all children and young people.

Develop policy and performance in line with best practice in equalities, safeguarding, and professional learning, advising schools on all aspects of education policy.

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.

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