**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**POST: Principal Transport Strategy Officer**

**Job ID: IH39**

**GRADE: Grade J+**

**SECTION: Planning & Transportation**

**RESPONSBILE TO: Planning Policy Manager**

**RESPONSBILE FOR: NA**

Lead on strategic transportation and infrastructure functions of the Council, in the delivery of sustainable, well connected development and high quality public transport network to support the directorate’s economic and housing growth ambitions. Provide a significant contribution to the Councils Corporate Plan and Local Plan (Home Spaces and Places) in particular the vision to make Tameside a great place to live, work and invest, supporting healthy lives, employment, housing and inward investment in the borough.

**Principal Accountabilities:**

To lead the strategic transportation service of the Council, in the delivery of sustainable, well-connected development, high quality public transport and support Tameside’s economic and housing growth ambitions, significantly raising Tameside’s profile both within Greater Manchester and sub regionally. Leading negotiations with key organisations, including Network Rail and National Highways regarding major transportation schemes.

To brief elected Members, MPs and Officers of the Council through appropriate mechanisms on transportation and infrastructure matters as required.

To have overall responsibility for the planning, programming and monitoring of the Council’s Transport Strategy, which includes policy development, feasibility and development of options in relation to highway and public transport improvements, cycling and walking.

To make a significant positive contribution to Tameside’s Corporate Plan and Local Plan (Homes, Spaces, Places), supporting its examination in public, alongside delivery of the Council’s vision to make Tameside a great place to live, work and invest, supporting healthy lives, inclusive growth, new homes and investment in the borough.

To have overall responsibility for the identification of issues, development and justification of potential solutions to access funding sources, the submission of successful bid proposals and securing developer contributions to address them, supporting Tameside’s broader Growth Programme including in Ashton, Stalybridge and Denton Levelling Up Funding packages.

To lead the development of local transport strategies, options and develop a Tameside investment pipeline, taking into account the boroughs relationship and working with the GMCA and TfGM and associated strategies, including the 2040 Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan, Streets for All, Trans Pennine Rail Upgrade and bus franchising, for example.

To lead Tameside’s input and take overall responsibility for the Councils contribution into the wider GMCA and TfGM Local Transport Plan and associated delivery plan, representing the authority and providing briefings as appropriate. Whilst also being the Councils senior relationship manager with the various external bodies including the GM Rail Alliance and Transport for the North, for example, leading work programmes and influencing capital programmes, representing Tameside in TfGM and sub -regional transport meetings, contributing to and reinforcing the Council’s priorities.

To take the overall lead for the development and implementation of sustainable transport initiatives in line with relevant transport policy and commission and manage research projects and evidence studies in support of policy development, working with neighbouring boroughs.

To manage and ensure appropriate outputs of the above, through the management of multi-disciplinary teams, and ensure the service contributes positively to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Borough and does so within allocated budgets for the service area and secures value for money.

**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

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| Job Criteria | Category |
| **Qualifications** |  |
| Educated to degree level in Engineering, Planning or equivalent  | E |
| Eligible for Membership of the Institute of Chartered Engineers or equivalent | E |
| **Experience** |  |
| Able to demonstrate extensive experience in leading on and delivery of strategic transportation and infrastructure strategies, writing reports and policy documents to a high standard | E |
| Experience of working at a strategic level in a Council or similar complex organisation, managing in a political environment and building relationships with elected members | E |
| Experience of managing complex projects, working collaboratively and in partnerships with key partners, brokering effective collaboration between a wide ranges of stakeholders | E |
| Experience of managing budgets and securing external funding to deliver transportation and infrastructure projects. | E |
| Experience of working in a Combined Authority setting | D |
| **Skills and Knowledge** |  |
| Good negotiating and influencing skills | E |
| Able to communicate at all levels with staff, elected members and the public to achieve results | E |
| Good oral presentation and written skills | E |
| Extensive knowledge of Strategic Transportation issues, legislation and government policy, particularly in an urban context.  | E |
| Substantial knowledge of Government bidding processes and working with grant programmes to deliver against tight and complex budgets | D |
| Knowledge of commissioning and procurement processes | E |
| Good knowledge of IT systems including GIS software | E |
| **Personal Attributes** |  |
| Strong personal and political context and understanding and an ability to form and maintain relationships and use them to positive effect | E |
| Able to present credibly and persuasively, to be a good advocate for Tameside within the region | E |
| Able to influence and be assertive when necessary whilst demonstrating tact and diplomacy | E |
| A strong leader with energy, credibility, and a capacity to motivate | E |
| Ability to work to tight deadlines and prioritise work effectively | E |
| Able to work effectively with different teams for whom there is no direct line management responsibility | E |
| **Work Circumstances** |  |
| Able to attend meetings in all areas of Tameside | E |
| Able to attend evening committees, Parish Council and public Neighbourhood meetings | E |

For information:

Category

(E) Essential Requirement within which the candidate would be unable to carry out the duties of the post

(D) Desirable Features which would normally enable the successful candidate to person the duties and tasks better and more efficiently than one who did not have the qualifications, training, experience etc.