
Your job

Job Title: Job Title: Senior Finance Consultant - Corporate

Service: Finance

Grade: 10

Reporting to: Service Lead – Corporate Finance

This is an exciting opportunity to join a forward-thinking, award-winning finance team providing a range of professional financial services to our valued stakeholders.

You will play a key role in the organisation supporting the Service Lead in the provision of high-quality technical accounting support, financial information, and strategic financial advice.

You will provide expert financial analysis, modelling and forecasting for a range of key areas including budget setting, medium-term financial planning, benchmarking and policy interpretation. You will also provide information for requests received, including being a contact point for Freedom of information requests and support for information from members and SMT.

You will support transformational workstreams in delivering the Council's savings plans through monitoring and reporting to the Progress with Unity board.

Mandatory Statement

The Council is committed to complying with European General Data Protection regulations (UKGDPR) and meeting the requirements of the Information Commissioner's office (regulating data protection compliance in the UK). It is your responsibility to ensure that the work you undertake is compliant with the General Data Protection regulations.

Wigan Council is an active, strong, and committed corporate parent. As a priority, all employees have a responsibility towards the children we look after and care leavers, not just those employed by the Children's Directorate.

In this job you will:

In the next 12 months, you will:

- Provide financial analysis, modelling and forecasting linked to spending, funding and the local government formula changes including scenario planning.
- Assist with the formulation and monitoring of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2027/28 – 2029/30 periodically and the 2027/28 Budget
- Work with external partners to collate and interpret benchmarking information to identify service efficiencies.
- Improve and utilise the functionality of Agresso linked to the division's own transformation plan so we can maximise the use of information to aid decision-making in relation to the budget setting process.
- Understand the implications of capital spend on the General Fund for inclusion in the MTFP, including the cost of borrowing and the Minimum Revenue Provision.
- Act as a central contact for Freedom of Information requests and requests from members and SMT.
- Be responsible for the submission of statistical information to Central Government, such as the RA, RO and QRO
- Take an active role in the production of the Statement of Accounts, as part of the Corporate Finance Team.
- Ensure you operate within GDPR guidelines by regularly reviewing data held and destroying information in line with retention schedules.

On an ongoing basis you will:

- Be the first point of contact for all budget related queries incorporating all the work streams detailed above.

In this job you will need:

You must be able to demonstrate the following essential requirements:

- A part or full professional CCAB accountancy qualification or be able to demonstrate the highest level of technical accounting and financial management skills gained through significant relevant experience.
- A proven track record in a pressured and deadline driven environment.
- A passion for finance with excellent communication skills to ensure collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders.
- To have the ability to analyse and interpret complex information from a wide range of sources and you will possess the skill to confidently present this information to a variety of finance and non-finance audiences.
- To be an enthusiastic, highly motivated and professional individual with the ability to lead and influence others on a range of Council activities and initiatives.

Our Culture

For us, it's not just about all we achieve as an organisation, but how we do it. Therefore, all employees are expected to display our **TeamWigan** behaviours.

Be Positive	“ Take pride in all that you do and support and develop yourself and others. ”
Be Accountable	“ Be responsible for making things better, enabling change and supporting improvement. ”
Be Courageous	“ Be open to doing things differently and working collaboratively with others. ”
Be Kind	“ Be helpful, generous and thoughtful towards yourself and others. ”