AGENDA

Pwyllgor PWYLLGOR PENODI - CYFARWYDDWR CORFFORAETHOL

ADNODDAU

Dyddiad ac amser y cyfarfod

DYDD GWENER, 5 HYDREF 2018, 9.30 AM

Lleoliad YSTAFELL GYNADLEDDA'R - LEFEL 5, NEUADD Y SIR, GLANFA'R,

CAERDYDD

Aelodaeth Cynghorydd Huw Thomas (Cadeirydd)

Cynghorwyr Berman, Mackie, Robson a/ac Weaver

1 Ymddiheuriadau (Os oes unrhyw)

2 Datganiadau Buddiannau

Derbyn datganiadau buddiannau yn unol â Chod Ymddygiad yr Aelodau.

3 Cylch Gorchwyl

Cyflawni swyddogaethau'r awdurdod o ran penodi a diswyddo Prif Swyddogion a Dirprwy Brif Swyddogion (fel y'u diffinnir yn Rheoliadau Awdurdodau Lleol (Gorchmynion Sefydlog) (Cymru) 2006) a Phennaeth statudol Gwasanaethau Democrataidd, yn unol â'r Rheolau Gweithdrefnau Cyflogaeth ac unrhyw bolisïau a gweithdrefnau perthnasol y Cyngor.

4 Cofnodion (Tudalennau 3 - 4)

Cymeradwyo confnodion y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 20 Medi 2018

5 Eithrio'r Cyhoedd

Ni chaiff y wybodaeth yn yr eitemau canlynol ei chyhoeddi yn sgil paragraffau 12 a 13 Rhan 4 Atodlen 12A Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

Penodi Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol Adnoddau a'r Swyddog Adran 151 (Tudalennau 5 - 80)

Ystyried rhestr hir o ymgeiswyr ar gyfer y swydd Swyddog Corfforaethol Adnoddau ac Adran 151 a rhestr fer ar gyfer y Ganolfan Asesu.

7 Diswyddo (os oes angen)

Ystyried unrhyw ddiswyddiad (os yw'n ofynnol).

Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 22 October 2018 at 2:00pm

Davina Fiore

Cyfarwyddwr Llywodraethu a Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol

Dyddiad: Dydd Llun, 1 Hydref 2018

Cyswllt: Kate Rees, 02920 872427, krees@caerdydd.gov.uk

APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE - CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

5 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor Huw Thomas(Chairperson)

Councillors Berman, Mackie, Robson and Weaver

9 : APOLOGIES (IF ANY)

None received

10 : DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None received.

11 : TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the following Terms of Reference:-

"To discharge the functions of the authority in respect of the appointment and dismissal of Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers (as defined in the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) Regulations 2006) and the statutory Head of Democratic Services, in accordance with the Employment Procedures Rules and other relevant Council policies and procedures."

12 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 20 July 2018 were approved as a correct record.

13 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded during the discussion of the following item of business on the grounds that, if members of the public were present during the discussion, because of the nature of the business to be transacted there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and as described below:

Paragraph 12 – Information relating to an applicant to become an employee of the Authority; and

Paragraph 13 – Information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

14 : APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES & SECTION 151 OFFICER

The Appointment Committee was re-convened to consider the shortlisting of candidates for the appointment of Corporate Director Resources & Section 151 Officer.

The Committee was advised candidates 5, 7, 10 & 11 had withdrawn.

The Committee reviewed the four applications and the assessment centre findings.

RESOLVED: - That

- (1) The Committee AGREED with the Assessment Centre findings that none of the applicants were appointable.
- (2) That the post of Corporate Director Resources & Section 151 Officer, be readvertised.

15 : DISMISSAL (IF REQUIRED)

There was no consequential dismissal required as part of the Longlisting process.

16 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2018, 9:30AM

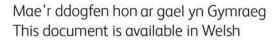
The meeting terminated at 11:12am.

NOTES FOR APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE – LONG-LISTING FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE / CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES / DIRECTORS / ASSISTANT DIRECTORS / CHIEF OFFICERS

- Lead officer to open meeting of the Committee setting out purpose of the meeting and the appointment process, with a reminder of the need to elect a Chair who will reside for all stages of the appointment.
- 2. A Member proposes a nomination for Chair (past practice has been that the Leader be appointed as Chair) which needs to be seconded by another Member of the Committee.
- 3. Lead Officer presents the summary report.
- 4. Chair reminds Committee of the need to offer comments on the long list of candidates based on their personal review of applications (applications having been sent out with this note)
- 5. Agreement is sought on the candidates to be included in the shortlist for the assessment centre.
- 6. Lead officer answers any queries relating to this next stage.
- 7. Chair confirms the outcome of the discussion by listing the candidates to be taken through to the next stage the assessment centre.
- 8. Lead officer to confirm with the Chair and Committee details of the reconvened Shortlist Committee (if not already agreed) and the Appointment Committee.
- 9. Chair concludes the Committee.



Cardiff Council Recruitment Pack **Corporate Director** Resources







Letter from the Leader



Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this exciting and challenging role.

Cardiff has been reinvented over the past quarter of a century as an internationally recognised capital city. This success can be seen in the rapid growth of the city's population with Cardiff now one of the fastest growing and most highly skilled city in the UK. It can also be evidenced by strong performance in a number of headline economic indicators with unemployment down, employment growth up and visitor numbers having doubled over the last decade.

However, the proceeds of Cardiff's growth over recent decades have not been felt by all of the city's residents. The gap between the most and least prosperous communities in Cardiff is substantial. Similarly, while Cardiff's population growth is a sign of strength for the city, unless it is well-planned and well-managed it will put the city's physical and social infrastructures under real strain. This risk to the city's productivity, quality of life and standard of public services must be addressed. Tackling inequality and managing growth sustainably will therefore be at the heart of the Council's agenda.

The administration also recognises that it must deliver for Cardiff during a period of unprecedented financial austerity for the Council, and its public service partners. Protecting the services that are most important to residents will mean challenging old ways of working and embracing change where we are convinced it will deliver better services for the people of Cardiff.

As an organisation we must move away from dealing with problems in isolation and begin to integrate frontline teams that are empowered to address the day-to-day issues we know need solving. In the same way, individual directorates can no longer operate as silos: the Council must act as one seamless team to drive improvement across the city.

More broadly, the Council must work across the public services to deliver lasting solutions to complex problems. Removing the barriers that prevent people from getting a job, delivering the best outcomes for children in our care and helping people to live independently all require services to be delivered without boundaries. It demands a relentless focus on service integration to deliver the outcomes that we want to achieve.

A successful capital city is also a national, not just a regional, asset. We must be an outward-looking city, working with all our partners to make sure that Cardiff's success is shared with local people, regional partners and the country as a whole. Cardiff must be a capital city that works for Wales.

The Administration has therefore set out in its policy statement- 'Capital Ambition'- a programme of action to create opportunity, manage growth and reform public services whilst ensuring that the benefits of success are felt by all residents.

We invite you to take up the challenge with us.

Councillor Huw Thomas Leader of the Council

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Letter from the Chief Executive



Dear Applicant

Serving the Capital of a devolved nation, Cardiff Council is the largest Council in Wales with a net revenue budget of £609 million and around 15000 employees. In addition, the Council has an extensive capital programme and is the administering authority for the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund.

The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan currently shows a budgetary gap of £91 million to 2021/22. We are therefore looking for an experienced individual to support the strategic management of the Council's budget planning process and respond to the challenge of financial austerity by working closely with the Senior Management Team, Cabinet Members, Councillors and our partners.

As strategic leader for a range of corporate services, the post holder will play a leading role in developing a fully joined-up, cross-council approach to implementing the Council's change agenda. This will involve leading on the modernisation of working arrangements within the Council, which includes the adoption of new technology to improve services and generate efficiencies. This work forms a key part of the Council's financial resilience.

Cardiff Council has a track record of leading the local government agenda at regional and national levels in Wales— and is a member of Core Cities UK. The Council is also the Accountable Body for the £1.2 billion Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, which involves the ten councils of south east Wales.

Having led on transformative regeneration projects over a number of years, the Council is also involved in a number of ambitious capital projects, often being delivered with a broad range of partners. The Statutory Finance Officer (S151) will play a crucial role in managing and developing these relationships, which demand an understanding of funding sources and delivery options in order to advise the Council on issues such as best value, return on investment and risk.

You will be joining an experienced, talented and committed Senior Management Team providing the professional leadership needed to deliver the administration's Capital Ambition programme. It is an exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Paul Orders Chief Executive

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CARDIFF COUNCIL

Corporate Director, Resources Salary of £135,265 per annum

This is an exciting opportunity to work in one of the UK's most ambitious and fast growing cities, as part of a dynamic and experienced senior management team. As the Council's Statutory Finance Officer (S151) you will have a proven track record of improving the financial resilience of public services as well as delivering business transformation. You will provide strategic leadership and direction across a range of council support services, including the provision of robust advice to Cabinet Members and Councillors on the best options and methods to deliver the Council's Capital Ambition Programme. Professionally qualified, you will possess excellent communication skills and an ability to engage with, and influence, a wide range of stakeholders. You will also have an excellent understanding of the current and emerging local government issues.

Working for a capital city, this is a unique opportunity to become part of a senior management team within one of the largest and most diverse public organisations in Wales.

Are you ready to play a part in Cardiff's future?

The total salary is £135,265 per annum.

If you are ready for this challenging but rewarding role, you can apply <u>here</u>. To arrange a confidential discussion please contact Rhian Jones, Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive on Tel: 029 2087 2401 or E-mail: R.K.Jones@cardiff.gov.uk

Closing Date: Sunday 30th September 2018 at 12.00am

Role requires Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) qualified Accountant.

This vacancy is suitable for post share.

We welcome applications in both English and Welsh.

Note: The selection process for this role will involve initially an Assessment Centre, with shortlisted candidates being invited back for interview. It is envisaged that these processes will take place with Assessment Centre on Monday 15th October 2018 and final interviews on Monday 29th October 2018.





Role Title	Corporate Director, Resources
Grade	Corporate Director Spot Salary
Primary Purpose of Role	To be the Council's Statutory Finance Officer; to provide high-level strategic analysis and robust advice to the Cabinet regarding best options and methods to enable the delivery of the Council's priorities as set out in its Corporate Plan; also to lead the full, effective and efficient integration of the Council's support services - with each other and partner
	organisations - in order to facilitate the delivery of continually improving outcomes for those living in, working in and visiting Cardiff and the wider City Region.
Key Accountabilities	 City Region. To co-ordinate the translation of the Council's stated vision and priorities into a framework of coherent and aligned strategies across the Council's support services To provide high-quality advice and insight for the Cabinet regarding the most effective models for support services to facilitate the outcomes stated in the Council's Corporate Plan and their delivery through the Capital Ambition Delivery Programme together with other emerging priorities To take a lead role in the scoping and implementation of any alternative service delivery models for support services To lead the efficiency agenda across the Council ensuring synergies are identified and realised. Specifically to lead on the financial planning, HR, procurement, digital and Capital Ambition delivery plan elements of the agenda. To take a lead role in the formation and ongoing development of deep-rooted strategic partnerships and relationships that will place Cardiff at the forefront of the City Region To identify and make the most of existing and potential synergies across the work of the Council's support service areas, plus those of existing or potential partner organisations, to deliver improved outcomes To take a lead role in optimising the use of the Council's resources by creatively establishing a framework for risk-managed strategic commercial ventures To look across portfolios and accurately advise the Chief Executive, Cabinet and Council how to most effectively manage its resources in
	 ways that will best serve the people of Cardiff and the City Region To assess the strategic organisational impact of growing service demand, increased financial pressures and a commitment to the provision of improving services; and to advise on all of the options (including innovative responses) and associated implications

Role Profile



Areas of	 To provide strategic leadership to a team, creating, implementing, monitoring and reviewing the performance of support services and ensuring that significantly improved outcomes are facilitated To promote and lead a culture that realises Cardiff's aspirations to becoming a world-class capital city in all aspects of its support to externally-facing services To scan the external context of the portfolio and to advise and prepare the Council for emerging change, challenges and entrepreneurial revenue raising opportunities To provide high-level guidance, direction and support to Directors regarding the delivery of large-scale change, cross-portfolio programmes and the benefits and risks of utilising radically different approaches To contribute to, model and promote the Cabinet's vision for the Council – ensuring it is fully implemented across support services To promote and lead a culture that realises Cardiff's aspirations to become a world-class capital city To fulfil all of the statutory duties and responsibilities of the authority's 'Section 151' Officer including operational responsibility for the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Local Government Pension Fund Governance & Legal Services
Responsibility	Digital Services
	Finance including Audit & Risk Management
	Commissioning & Procurement Destarrance & Portnerships including Emergency Planning
	Performance & Partnerships including Emergency Planning Human Baseurses
	Human Resources Corporate Health & Safety
	Corporate Health & Safety
Types of Measures of	Continually improving outcomes in the lives of people in Cardiff and the City Region
Success	Satisfaction of externally-facing services with the quality, scope and appeal of support services provision.
	 speed of support service provision Effective co-ordination of resources across support services –
	Effective co-ordination of resources across support services – improving of service performance, whilst achieving required financial
	savings and budget control
	Satisfaction of Cabinet, Chief Executive and Councillors with the
	quality of advice offered in relation to key strategic choices
	Degree of compliance with legal, regulatory and best practice principles in the delivery of support service provision

Role Profile



When preparing your written application you will need to provide evidence only for the competencies identified with an asterisk. These are the essential competencies for your written application. In responding to each of the essential competency areas, you must provide examples which demonstrate how you have successfully delivered results of a size, scope and complexity comparable to the challenges faced by Cardiff Council. These and the remaining competencies will be assessed during the remaining stages of the recruitment process.

Behavioural Competencies	Application	Competency
	Stage	Level(s)
Putting Our Customers First	*	5
Getting Things Done	*	5
Taking Personal Responsibility	*	5
Seeking to Understand Others		5
Developing Potential		5
Leading Change	*	5
Initiating Change and Improvement	*	5
Organisational Awareness		5
Partnering and Corporate Working	*	5
Communicating		5
Analysing, Problem Solving and Decision Making		5
Equality & Diversity		5
Optimising Resources	*	5
Demonstrating Political Acumen		5

Terms & Conditions



PRINCIPAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES

1. CONTRACT

This is a permanent appointment.

2. CONDITIONS

Conditions of service will be in accordance with the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers of Local Authorities as adopted by the County Council from time to time, plus any other conditions or regulations determined by the Council from time to time in consultation with the recognised trade unions.

3. SALARY

The total spot salary for this post is £135,265 per annum. National pay awards in accordance with the JNC for Chief Officers of Local Authorities will be applied.

4. PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

There will be an annual process of performance appraisal linked to the setting and achievement of the responsibilities and accountabilities of the job; and identifying any continuing personal development needs to maintain a high level of performance. The process is separate from any scheme relating to either pay or performance related pay.

5. ANNUAL LEAVE

Annual leave will be 27 days for employees with less than 5 years continuous service, and 32 days for employees with more than 5 years continuous service. You will also be entitled to 8 bank holidays.

6. HOURS OF WORK

The job of Corporate Director, Resources cannot be satisfactorily undertaken within a fixed working week and some element of unsocial hours will be required for the proper performance of the responsibilities. The inclusive salary scale for the appointment reflects the need to work in addition to and outside normal office hours.

7. SICK PAY

Occupational Sick Pay Scheme will be in accordance with the JNC for Chief Officers' Conditions of Service.

8. PENSION

Local Government Pension Scheme. An opting out notice is available from the Pension Section.

9. POLITICAL RESTRICTION

This post is politically restricted in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended by Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009).



Terms & Conditions



10. CAR LOAN SCHEME

You are eligible for a loan (which is not a taxable benefit) under the Council's scheme.

11. CAR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

HMRC rate of 45 pence per mile will apply.

12. SMOKING

The Council has a no smoking policy.

13. FLEXIBILITY AND MOBILITY CLAUSE

As a term of your employment you may be required to undertake such other duties and/or times of work as may reasonably be required of you commensurate with your grade or general level of responsibility within the organisation, at your initial place of work or at or from any other of the Council's establishments.

14. SATISFACTORY MEDICAL REPORT

A satisfactory medical report is required from the Council's Medical Adviser on initial appointment to the Council.

15. NOTICE PERIODS

This will normally be three months in writing on either side but this can be changed by mutual agreement.

16. RESTRICTIONS ON RE-EMPLOYMENT

Certain restrictions apply after termination of employment. These relate to not divulging confidential information. Also within 12 months not taking up employment or providing services for reward to a body in the circumstances outlined in the conditions of service, without the consent of the Council which will not unreasonably be withheld. These provisions do not apply if the termination is as a result of redundancy or externalisation of work and a consequent transfer to a new employer.







Cardiff Council Behavioural Competency Framework Supporting the Values of the Council



Putting our Customers First (Core)

This competency is about placing the customer at the heart of our activities, listening to them and being prepared to do things differently to meet their needs

Level 1 - What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Understand who our customers are Be polite, helpful and considerate and take time to listen to customers Work with colleagues to help meet customer needs	Seek to understand our customer needs Asking for customer feedback Using feedback to inform our actions, priorities and recommendations	Encouraging and supporting others to deliver excellent customer service Consulting and engaging with community and customer groups to identify customer need Developing ways of working, processes and structures to achieve continual improvements in customer service	Ensuring that customer views are fully taken into account in the planning of services Promoting and ensuring working across service areas to improve customer care Challenging others across the organisation to improve service delivery	Analysing services from the 'customer perspective' to ensure high-quality, timely and flexible Understanding and guiding others towards early intervention, prevention and the elimination of demand caused by service failure Putting the customer at the centre of cross-portfolio working and external partnerships: seeks to achieve seamless, efficient and accessible service provision Using rigorous methods to test, review and enhance the customer experience

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Getting Things Done (Core)

This competency is about the personal, inner motivation, enthusiasm and drive to meet and exceed targets so that we focus on what needs to be done and make it happen

Level 1 - What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Ensuring tasks are completed to high standard and see them through to completion Contributing to ensure efficient ways of working Monitoring and checking own progress against requirements	Ensuring own and, where applicable, others' outputs meet requirements Identifying and communicating priorities to relevant people Identifying where the right resources and skills are available	Establishing ways of measuring and benchmarking performance Committing required resources and time to deliver and improve results Defining and communicating critical success factors for service delivery	Making decisions and setting priorities on the basis of calculated costs, benefits and risks. Supporting and driving new performance improvement initiatives Seeking, identifying and taking actions to overcome organisational barriers to deliver improved results Recognising and acknowledging the performance of others	Ensuring that performance is focused on continually improving outcomes for customers and the city region as a whole Engaging with internal and/or external partners at a strategic level to ensure that performance is optimised. Taking necessary actions and making hard choices to ensure results are delivered. Identifying and resolving systemic or structural barriers to performance. Establishing a culture of achievement and a shared commitment to exceed targets

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Taking Personal Responsibility (Core)

This competency is about being consistent with our own values and those of the council, and demonstrate a commitment to support change and see it through.

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dealings with others Rectifying errors and seeking appropriate guidance and support to correct them Sharing of all relevant information with others faced circur difficult di	ed with tough umstances, uncertainty, culty or change. porting and encouraging ers to deal with ertainty, difficulty or nge	Challenging established practices where they are not consistent with fairness and openness. Speaking out even when it jeopardises a trusted or valuable relationship Seeking to turn difficult situations around	Challenging powerful individuals to behave in a way that models the organisational values Actively promoting and driving an organisational commitment to public service Ensuring sharing of all relevant information across the organisation Ensuring organisational practices are transparent	As a visible leader, modelling and promoting values in all activities and interactions Retaining the highest standards of honesty, integrity and respect during periods of significant pressure and difficulties Providing values-based leadership for the development and maintenance of city-region and partnering arrangements

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Seeking to understand others, and treating them with respect (Core)

This competency is about demonstrating an understanding of others and valuing their contribution and viewpoint even if it may be different from your own

Level 1 - What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Asking about others' views and feelings, and actively listening and acknowledging these Acknowledging and considering the different views and ideas of others Checking own understanding of how others feel	Questioning others to understand their viewpoint and take them into account Seeking to understand, the reasons for others actions and views Encouraging others to consider the impact of their actions	Shaping the environment to ensure others feel positive and conflict is minimised Addressing and changing things when the behaviours of others is disruptive Seeking and taking opportunities to create and support forums where people can express their views and concerns	Assessing the strengths and development areas of others, aligning their strengths to the demands and requests made of them Seeking to understand the source of negative emotions within and external to the organisation Identifying and taking action to pre-empt situations where strong emotions will be aroused.	Building positive relationships with others in challenging and complex circumstances Understanding and responding to the political, financial, reputational and other factors that influence the behaviour of senior people Recognising and taking action to resolve cultural or systemic causes of conflict, misunderstanding or lack of collaboration Modelling consistently collaborative, supportive and respectful behaviour towards others

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Developing Potential

This competency is about identifying and growing talent to ensure we have the capability needed for the future Level 1 - What we Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Level 5 stand for Supporting others to acquire Predicting changing Supporting others' to identify Promoting and encouraging their development needs and staff development across the organisational needs and the skills needed for the find ways to meet these future in the short, medium organisation taking action to ensure needs and long term people are fully equipped to Ensure a resource pool to meet them Actively supporting others to Giving positive and meet longer-term talent develop understanding requirements Taking a visible and constructive feedback proactive role to and/or skills Actively looking for and Develop others to equip them development high quality Mentoring others and sharing taking opportunities to coach for leadership roles leadership and management skills across the organisation knowledge to improve and mentor others performance Understanding and nurturing the skills and behaviours required to optimise partnering arrangements

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Leading Change

This competency is about taking responsibility for change, encouraging initiative and making the Council's objectives real and relevant for others

Level 1 - What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	Promoting and being positive about change Seeking opportunities for self and others to contribute to change Helping others to understand the reasons for and the process of change	Setting out and communicating the vision and the rationale for change Looking for ways to support and contribute to successful change Enabling and supporting colleagues and stakeholders to deal effectively with change	Simplifying a complex or confusing message to provide a clear vision that others are able to buy into and act upon Following through on change to ensure it is fully embedded in the organisation, the benefits are realised and lessons learnt for future change. Creating and promoting a culture and environment in which change is managed effectively and sensitively, to increase the likelihood of buy-in and success	Creating a coherent vision, aligning and integrating many different change initiatives and programmes Testing and evaluating the longer-term and strategic impact of change programmes Ensuring that structures and resources are in place to effectively lead and manage change programmes Championing change and securing buy-in from senior players internally and externally Demonstrating consistent drive, resilience and agility during challenging periods of change

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Initiating Change and improvement

This competency is about having the ability to look ahead, anticipate events, see opportunities and take action now to shape the future

Level 1 - What we	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
stand for				
Seeking and taking opportunities to improve Being flexible and open to changes Being cooperative when change impacts upon you	Using knowledge and experience to proactively put forward suggestions for improving Dealing with the unexpected and adapting readily to change. Identifying and taking action to head off potential problems	Encouraging, promoting and supporting new ideas Constantly encouraging self and others to look for improvements in methods, approaches and ways of working Identifying and implementing new approaches to improve	Looking for long-term opportunities that will create positive changes and taking action to make these a reality Identify new and bold ideas to respond to opportunities that lie ahead. Actively use internal and external data and trends to add value for the customers and the council Develop clear direction on how the organisation can improve	Recognising when only radically different models of delivery will secure the desired outcomes Being creative and thinking without boundaries: challenging narrow views and deep-rooted resistance Taking action to quickly translate initial ideas into tangible results when speed of execution is essential Identifying when 'good ideas' do not fit with the bigger picture or strategic intent

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Organisational Awareness

This competency is about understanding formal and informal structures, decision-making, climate and culture and organisational politics, which shape how the council works

Level 1 - What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
		Identifying and challenging organisational limitations, where applicable Identifying both formal and informal sources of influence and using this knowledge to build relationships with key decision makers/influencers Recognising the reasons for on-going organisational behaviour	Acknowledging and responding to internal and external forces affecting the organisation Spotting trends and changes —both internal and external — that will affect the organisation in the future. Forming and maintaining relationships with key provincial and national institutions, bodies and individuals to protect and enhance the council's position	Identifying and optimising decision-making processes in city region and other partnering arrangements Sustainably exerts influence within a variety of different working arrangements e.g. city region, private sector partnerships, etc.

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Partnering and Corporate Working

This competency is about valuing, building and maintaining networks and relationships to achieve objectives							
Level 1 - What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5			
Actively participating as member of a team Proactively sharing information and ideas openly within own team Supporting others to complete tasks	Identifying and building effective and collaborative working relationships Proactively sharing information and ideas openly with all relevant teams Acknowledge different stakeholder priorities and take them into account	Proactively maintaining a network of internal and external colleagues to enable service improvement and service delivery Promoting and forming cross-functional teams to deliver results and improvement Working collaboratively to gain buy-in and agreement towards a common goal	Promote and lead partnership and corporate working, across and outside the organisation Using depth and breadth of contacts to build alliances for wide and far reaching change Managing complex relationships, internally and externally, to establish common goals and develop mutual commitment to positive outcomes	Forging and continually developing a complex network of senior-level relationships to optimise the productivity of the city region Focusing on desired outcomes and defining which types of partnering arrangements will best achieve them Ensuring the right-strategic partnerships are in place to optimise the use of public sector resources in a climate of austerity Unlocking the key strategic barriers to partnership and collaboration Exploiting the use of commercial partnerships and ventures, whilst effectively accounting for the risk factors			

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Communicating

This competency is about facilitating and communicating all kinds of information and messages to different audiences in the most effective way

Level 1 - What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Communicating clearly and effectively Actively listening to other Sharing information and knowledge with others.	Taking technical or complex information and turning it into clear oral or written communications Producing communications that are focussed tailored and easily understood by the intended audience. Capture and share useful information and feedback	Selecting most appropriate communication styles, approaches and channels Communicating challenging and contentious messages with openness Responding openly to challenges and addressing concerns	Communicating appropriately in response to a crisis or unexpected event where preparation time may be limited. Clearly articulating highly complex, strategic and conceptual information to others in a meaningful and relevant way Creating an environment and culture that encourages open, honest, timely and effective communication	Communicating and influencing effectively in critical internal and external environments Interpreting accurately what has been said/not said in senior level discussions and negotiations: explores the important subtle messages Positions the Council clearly and credibly when outlining its position Conveys the right messages in the right places to secure the desired outcomes

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Analysing, Problem Solving and Decision Making

This competency is about gathering key information, recognising risks, evaluation, decision-making to support best practice Level 1 - What we Level 2 Level 4 Level 3 Level 5 stand for Making reasoned decisions Exploring a variety of options Investigating and evaluating Anticipating and assessing Looking beyond the in order to effectively solve long-term and strategic risks, based on evidence options when making immediate issues and problems and make decisions whilst anticipating addressing them and helping placing them within Taking a logical approach to reasoned decisions. and assessing short and others to recognise and the context of the Councils problem solving. medium term risks address them. strategic direction Anticipating the impact that Seeking to ensure all known Ensuring solutions to decisions will have on others Creating an environment and Promoting and nurturing key information is gathered complex problems are culture in which people make joined-up decision-making and taking this into account and implementing solutions. realistic and workable. decisions and take ensures key people are communicating and aligning responsibility for them. Using appropriate Following through on their efforts approaches or tools to solutions / decisions, until Taking appropriate steps to gather all relevant Undertaking complex closure or resolution, to communicate and deal with the impact of decisions on strategic analyses and information in order to take a ensure they are understood colleagues, customers and/or decision and/or solve a and implemented by others presenting the options to senior politicians in an problem partners accurate and balanced way Foreseeing and managing the longer-term implications and potential unintended consequences of key strategic decisions

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Equality and Diversity

Removing discrimination and barriers to fair access to Council employment and services on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or Welsh language. Recognising, valuing and celebrating difference, and being able to work together to create a vibrant, diverse, just, cohesive and decent society where everyone can enjoy their human rights and achieve their potential

Level 1 - What we	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
stand for				
Follow equality policies, procedures and legislation Treating others with dignity and respect Acknowledging the value of differences between people	Promoting the importance of equality and valuing diversity in the workplace and in service delivery Acknowledging and communicating that every employee has a role to play in making the Council an Employer of Choice and a successful deliverer of services to diverse communities	Identifying and ensuring good equality and diversity practice and remove barriers. Ensuring that equality and diversity are always actively considered when introducing a new activity, policy or decision Supporting others to consider and deliver good practice	Promoting and ensuring a culture in which equality and diversity is valued through fair and just service delivery and employment. Advocating and championing equality and diversity within the organisation Engaging equalities communities and stakeholders, and involving them in shaping Council policies and practices	Challenging and testing services to ensure that commitments to equality and diversity are being robustly implemented. Putting systems in place and using them to evaluate the degree to which services are securing improved outcomes in the lives of all service users: taking action to tackle all aspects of inequality. Challenging and improving the culture and processes of the organisation; ensuring that the potential of all employees is identified, nurtured and fully realised. Working together with partner organisations to cohesively achieve improving strategic equality and diversity outcomes.
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Optimising Resources

Leading and creating a culture where resources are effectively deployed, efficiently managed and used creatively to deliver the best outcomes for the city and region.

Level 1 What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
			Providing higher-level guidance and advice to managers regarding the efficient deployment of resources Taking responsibility for developing skills and attitudes that promote the effective use of resources Encouraging a creative culture, where people look for novel or adapted ways to deliver excellent results more efficiently Taking difficult decisions about services with the priorities of customers being paramount	Giving strategic direction to senior colleagues about where to invest, to disinvest and to save: clarifies the big picture context (in line with Cabinet priorities) Demonstrating commercial/acumen; fully understanding the financial and other factors of potential ventures Establishing a culture of accountability where resources are efficiently and carefully managed across all services Utilising regional and other partnerships and collaborations to optimise resources Encouraging and supporting efforts to attract new or increased income streams

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Demonstrating Political Acumen

Working effectively within the context of a member-led authority; understanding political priorities for the city region and establishing a position as a trusted and impartial advisor. Helping senior politicians to 'test' and fully appreciate the best ways to implement agreed priorities and commitments.

Level 1 What we stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
-	-	-	Understanding key political decision-making processes and engaging with them appropriately	Understanding the priorities of the Cabinet and translating these into action in the organisation
			Ensuring the production of clear, accurate and timely responses to member enquiries	Offering clear and accurate advice to senior politicians, highlighting the benefits, risks and implications of key strategic choices
			Deputising for the relevant Director and providing robust guidance to senior elected members	Being aware of political sensitivities, whilst retaining non-political objectivity
			Ensuring that managers and staff engage appropriately and effectively with elected members	Keeping politicians informed in a timely and proactive manner; avoiding unnecessary surprises
				Understanding and making sense of the local, regional and national political agendas

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