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AGENDA

Pwyllgor PWYLLGOR PENODI - PENNAETH PERFFORMIAD A

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Dyddiad ac amser

y cyfarfod

DYDD LLUN, 1 EBRILL 2019, 10.30 AM

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

CAERDYDD

Aelodaeth Cynghorydd Huw Thomas (Cadeirydd)

Cynghorwyr Boyle, Bowen-Thomson, Walker a/ac Weaver

1 Ymddiheuriadau am Absenoldeb (os o gwbl)

- 2 Nodiadau ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Llunio Rhestr Fer (Tudalennau 3 4)
- 3 Datganiadau o Fuddiant
- 4 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.

5 Cofnodion (Tudalennau 5 - 6)

Cymeradwyo cofnodion y Pwyllgor a gynhaliwyd ar 18 Mawrth 2019.

- 6 Pecyn Recriwtio (Tudalennau 7 30)
- 7 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.

8 Penodi Pennaeth Gwasenaeth Perfformiad a Phartneriaethau (Tudalennau 31 - 110)

I roi rhestr fer ar gyfer ymgeiswyr cyfweld ar gyfer penodi Pennaeth Gwasanaeth, Perfformiad a Phartneriaethau yn dilyn y broses asesu

9 Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesasf - Dydd Gwener 16 Ebrill 2019

Davina Fiore

Cyfarwyddwr Llywodraethu a Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol

Dyddiad: 26 March 2019

Cyswllt: Gill Nurton, 02920 872432, G.Nurton@cardiff.gov.uk

NOTES FOR RECONVENED APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE FOR SHORT-LISTING FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE / CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES / DIRECTORS / ASSISTANT DIRECTORS / CHIEF OFFICERS

- Chair reminds Members of the Committee of the need to offer comments on the list of candidates based on their personal review of applications (applications having been sent out with this note) and the results of the assessment centre which will follow and be presented by the Advisor and Lead Officer for discussion at the meeting.
- 2. Lead Officer / Advisor talks through the assessment centre report each candidate in turn answering any questions relating to the assessment raised by any Member of the Committee.
- 3. Members discuss the information received and consider who should go through to the final Appointment Committee.
- 4. Agreement is sought from Committee on the candidates to be included for the final stage of the process.
- 5. Lead officer / Advisor answers any queries relating to the next stage of the assessment.
- 6. Chair confirms the outcome of the discussion by listing the candidates being taken through to the next stage the Appointment Committee.
- 7. Lead officer confirms the Appointment Committee details including date and timings based on the number of candidates confirmed by the shortlist committee.
- 8. Chair concludes the Committee.

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APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE - HEAD OF PERFORMANCE & PARTNERSHIPS

18 MARCH 2019

Present: Councillors Bowen-Thomson, Boyle, Huw Thomas, Weaver and

Walker

1 : APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE

Councillor Huw Thomas was appointed as Chairperson of the Committee.

2 : APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

3 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bowen-Thomson declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct in relation to Candidates 5, 6 and 7. Councillor Bowen-Thomson remained at the meeting during consideration of these applications.

4 : TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were noted as follows: -

"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 Procedure Rules and other relevant Council policies and procedures".

5 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded during the discussion on 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 the except 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.

6 : APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF SERVICE, PERFORMANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Appointment Committee was convened to consider the long-list of candidates for the appointment to the post of Head of Service, Performance and Partnerships. The Committee reviewed the 15 applications received and considered how each of the candidates met the essential competencies from the Behavioural Competencies Framework and the Role Profile, and identified those candidates to be recommended to go forward for assessment.

RESOLVED – That Candidates 7, 9, 10, 11 and 15 be put forward for assessment to be held week commencing 25 March 2019.

7 : DISMISSAL

This item was not required.

8 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 1 April 2019 at 10.30am in the Leader's Conference Room

The meeting terminated at 2.45 pm



This document is available in Welsh/ Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg





Letter from the Director



Dear Applicant,

Cardiff Council needs creative, experienced and enterprising people with an appetite to explore and implement new ways of working across boundaries and sectors. We want to secure the best possible future for Cardiff's citizens and businesses and for all those visiting the capital city of Wales.

To deliver the very best for our city and our region we need people with the skill, drive and enthusiasm to support the political leadership to deliver the Council's Capital Ambition. The successful applicant will be able to translate large scale ambition into measurable improvement activity across services and organisations.

This is an exciting opportunity to become part of a senior leadership team that has developed excellent strategic and operational relationships with public and private sector partners. The shared partnership vision will be delivered by changing the way we organise our services so that they are jointly designed and effectively integrated to deliver what matters to individuals, families and communities across the city.

The Council wants to attract the best candidate to support the achievement of this important agenda through a period of organisational change and improvement, looking to deliver outstanding outcomes whilst driving significant efficiencies. Our experience to date shows that such ambition is achievable and if you think you have the right skills to help deliver that ambition we would like to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Sarah McGill

Corporate Director, People & Communities

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Head of Service Performance and Partnerships

Salary £84,905 (£86,603 from 1st April 2019)

Cardiff Council, like many other public sector organisations, is focussed to deliver change that leads to improved outcomes for our citizens whilst transforming how we work with person centred integration, reduced duplication and better levels of efficiency. Reporting to the Corporate Director, People and Communities you will be responsible for providing strategic analysis and robust advice to Cabinet, Council and the Senior Management Team on appropriate priorities and mechanisms for delivering the Administrations Capital Ambition commitments.

Playing an integral strategic role in reshaping the Council and driving performance to ensure continued focus on improvement, you will be able to perform at your best. You will need to be articulate, credible and able to win respect by giving clear expert advice, thinking strategically and leading a broad range of functions.

Your in depth understanding of organisational and partnership performance will enable you to shape and influence the way that services are designed, delivered and monitored. You will work with senior partner leads through our Public Service Board & Regional Partnership Board arrangements and ensure effective integration across regional statutory and organisational strategic policies. Your ability to establish constructive relationships with regulators, partner agencies and other authorities will be key to ensuring that Cardiff is at the forefront of delivering excellent service.

You will also to lead the City's partnership arrangements in relation to community safety, community cohesion and citizen engagement.

For an informal discussion about this post, please contact the Corporate Director, People & Communities, Sarah McGill on **(029) 2087 2900**.

CORPORATE PLAN

The Recruitment Process

Should you decide to make a formal application, the first stage will be longlisting based on your application. This is a Member appointment.

Closing Date: 11th March 2019 at Midday 12.00pm

The proposed date for the Assessment Centre is the week beginning the 25th March 2019 and the proposed date for Member interviews is the 16th April 2019.

Queries

If you wish to have an informal discussion prior to application, please contact the Corporate Director, People & Communities, Sarah McGill on 029 20872900.

Equal Opportunities

Equal opportunities will be afforded to all applicants. Appointment will be made on merit.





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Role Title	Head of Service – Performance & Partnerships
Grade	Spot Salary £84,905 (£86,603 from 1st April 2019)
Primary Purpose of Role	To provide strategic analysis and robust advice to Cabinet and Senior Management team on appropriate priorities and mechanisms for the effective delivery of the Council's vision; To take lead responsibility for the successful development and delivery of a broad range of functions to secure the development of a coherent policy agenda for the organisation, and the effective delivery and improvement of services across the Council; To take lead responsibility for the development an effective and proactive communications strategy and capability for the organisation; To manage and co-ordinate people, financial and capital resources to
	ensure the effective delivery of agreed priorities, and high-quality day-to-day service for customers.
Key Accountabilities	 To ensure the provision of high quality and timely policy advice and insight to the Leader, Cabinet & Chief Executive;
	To assess the strategic impact of shifting service demands and financial pressures on service delivery and improvement
	 To lead on work with Cabinet to shape strategic commitments for the organisation, and the development of a Corporate Plan through which to deliver the Council's vision;
	 To lead on the development and implementation of an operational planning framework to enable the delivery, review and improvement of corporate priorities;
	To secure corporate engagement with effective individual and team performance management systems in order to monitor, assess and improve standards and the achievement of key performance indicators
	To facilitate and ensure the successful implementation of partnership arrangements to facilitate the delivery of improved outcomes for Cardiff;
	 To establish constructive relationships with regulators, partner agencies and other authorities to ensure Cardiff has access to the latest developments in service delivery;
	• To support the development and implementation of effective arrangements to plan for, respond to and recover from major incidents and service interruptions;
	To lead on community safety on behalf of the Council
	To lead the City's partnership arrangements in relation to counter terrorism and radical extremism
	To lead a management team; effectively manage the people, financial and other resources of the service area, and challenge and inform the management of resources in other service areas and portfolios, to ensure that corporate priorities and genuine customer needs are addressed;
	 To ensure that Operational Managers understand and fulfil their budgetary accountabilities; guiding and supporting them to make tougher choices within a context of diminishing resources and changing service demand

Role Profile



	To load motivate and develop a team of Operational Managers (and wider
	 To lead, motivate and develop a team of Operational Managers (and wider management and staff group) – ensuring the highest levels of buy-in and execution of the Council's priorities and corporate objectives To ensure that practices are put into place to promote safe and appropriately risk-managed operational delivery To lead Operational Managers in the production of robust and meaningful business plans – providing clarity of purpose, emphasis and key deliverables for the portfolio of services To ensure that effective communication and engagement processes are in place to share new ideas, new ways of working and to provide insight to progress and achievements
Areas of	
Responsibility	Corporate Policy and PartnershipsCorporate Communications
1 tooponoisinty	Performance & Information Management
	Bilingual Cardiff
	Community Safety
	CONTEST & PREVENT
	Cabinet Office
	Community Cohesion & Equalities
Types of	Achievement of Corporate Priorities for the Council
Measures of	Continually improving performance across Cardiff Council and the Cardiff
Success	Partnership
	Improved external assessments of the Council and its services
	Enhanced national and international profile for Cardiff
	Increased citizen satisfaction with the services provided by the Council
	Effective co-ordination of resources across the portfolio of services
	Effective budget control across the portfolio, with the delivery of required
	budget savings
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Role Profile



Core competencies that need to be demonstrated through the application form. Other competencies will be tested through the interview process

Behavioural Competencies	Application	Competency Level(s)
	Stage	Levei(S)
Putting Our Customers First	*	5
Getting Things Done	*	4
Taking Personal Responsibility	*	4
Seeking to Understand Others	*	4
Developing Potential		4
Leading Change	*	4
Initiating Change and Improvement		4
Organisational Awareness		4
Partnering and Corporate Working	*	4
Communicating		4
Analysing, Problem Solving and Decision Making	*	4
Equality & Diversity		4
Optimising Resources		4
Demonstrating Political Acumen		4



Terms & Conditions



PRINCIPAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF SERVICE, PERFORMANCE & PARTNERSHIPS, RESOURCES DIRECTORATE

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 inclusive salary for this post is £84,905 per annum (£86,603 per annum from 1st April 2019). 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.

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 Head of Service Performance and Partnerships 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. You will automatically be enrolled in to the Scheme unless you obtain an opting out form from the Pensions 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).



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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

If you need to use your vehicle for business purposes you will be reimbursed at the HMRC mileage rate.

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
Stand for Understand who our customers are Be polite, helpful and	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.

Level 1 - What we	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
stand for				
Being consistent and fair in dealings with others Rectifying errors and seeking	Continuing to deliver when faced with tough circumstances, uncertainty, difficulty or change.	Challenging established practices where they are not consistent with fairness and openness.	Challenging powerful individuals to behave in a way that models the organisational values	As a visible leader, modelling and promoting values in all activities and interactions
appropriate guidance and support to correct them Sharing of all relevant information with others	Supporting and encouraging others to deal with uncertainty, difficulty or change Encouraging others to be	Speaking out even when it jeopardises a trusted or valuable relationship Seeking to turn difficult situations around	Actively promoting and driving an organisational commitment to public service Ensuring sharing of all relevant information across	Retaining the highest standards of honesty, integrity and respect during periods of significant pressure and difficulties
	fair, open and honest		the organisation Ensuring organisational practices are transparent	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 taking action to ensure find ways to meet these future in the short, medium organisation 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	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 stand for	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
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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