



Coventry City Council

Job Description

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| Job Title: | CUSTOMER SERVICES ADVISOR – LEVEL 2 | Job Number: | P1585D |
| Service: | ICT, TRANSFORMATION & CUSTOMER SERVICES | Post Number: | |
| Location: | CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE | Grade: | 4 |

Our values:

We expect everyone who works for us to be committed to our One Coventry values and to share our commitment to becoming a more diverse and inclusive organisation.

Job Purpose:

1. Work as part of a team to ensure that the Customer Services function delivers the organisational vision for service delivery
2. Respond to a range of enquiries through varying mediums
3. Work as part of a team to achieve performance objectives
4. Culture where the customer is at the heart of everything it does
5. Undertake day to day to ensure business is effective and efficient as possible

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Deliver excellent quality customer service

Through displaying integrity and role modelling of appropriate behaviours and practices setting an example for the team as a whole

Provide excellent customer service to the public and colleagues, taking ownership of enquiries and ensuring where possible they are resolved at first contact

Take ownership of first line customer complaints and where possible provide a resolution for the customer

Actively promote a positive, forward looking, results orientated and customer focused culture

Demonstrate personal commitment to delivering corporate messages and associated changes

Have pride in Customer Services

2. Focus on performance

Adhere to appropriate routines to ensure that all elements of the service are delivered to achieve optimum performance

Identify and make recommendations for change to practices or issues that negatively affect the performance that is delivered to the customer

Manage conflicting and competing priorities effectively

Maintain a professional focus in delivering all aspects of customer service

3. Establish effective relationships

To support work with service managers to build, maintain and promote effective working relationships

Engage with peers to deliver excellent customer service

Offer support, guidance and positive engagement to all members of the team irrespective of roles and responsibilities

4. Maintain a focus on change and continuous improvement

Provide feedback on service delivery to the customer service management team to help facilitate change

See mistakes as an opportunity to learn and make progress at a business and individual level

Demonstrate self-awareness in understand own strengths & weaknesses and explore opportunities with corporate training and quality coaching to learn and improve

5. Support the Customer Service agenda across the organisation

Take a customer view in considering new initiatives

Support in the implementation of strategies to enable organisational change

Engage where appropriate in corporate initiatives and projects to ensure that customers are at the heart of organisational thinking

Engage positively with customers where appropriate to facilitate the best outcome possible acknowledging organisational constraints where they exist

Any other duties and responsibilities within the range of the salary grade.

The post holder must comply with Coventry City Council's health and safety policy and in particular is required:-

- To take reasonable care for their own health and safety at work and of those who may be affected by their actions or by their omissions
- To cooperate with their line manager and senior management, to work safely, to comply with health and safety instructions and information and undertake appropriate health and safety training as required
- Not to intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare

- To report to their manager any health and safety concerns, hazardous condition or defect in the health and safety arrangements.

Any further Health and Safety responsibilities relevant to this post will be set out in the offer letter and Written Statement of Particulars

The post holder must comply with the Interagency procedures of the Safeguarding Boards and Coventry City Council's policies for safeguarding children and safeguarding adults and in particular is required:-

- To ensure they are aware of the signs that may suggest a child or vulnerable adult is being abused or neglected
- To report to their manager, or other appropriate manager, any concerns they may have that suggest that a child or vulnerable adult may be being abused or neglected immediately

Any further Safeguarding Board responsibilities relevant to this post will be set out in the offer letter and Written Statement of Particulars

Post holders will be accountable for carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to the City Council's Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

Duties which include processing of any personal data must be undertaken within the corporate data protection guidelines.

| Core Behaviours | | Level | |
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| Being adaptable | Responding flexibly to circumstances and being prepared to adapt your approach in a rapidly changing environment | 2 – Acts flexibly in the moment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapts to needs of a situation/individual choosing the most appropriate approach • Shifts their focus in line with current circumstances |
| Customer service | Focusing relentlessly on the customer experience and ensuring that the services provided are responsive to internal and external customer needs | 2 – Builds on-going relationships to consult & engage with customers about the services they receive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds relationship with customer to gain deeper insight about their needs • Supports & enables customers to understand their choices and make appropriate decisions even when this may be difficult to do so • Acts on feedback to change or develop services to better meet customer needs |
| Always improving | Taking accountability for driving excellence and delivering results; applying a continual focus on improvement within the context of increasing efficiency and improving productivity | 2 – Makes continual improvements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently asks 'can we do this better'? - seeking to identify & implement innovative approaches but always evaluating activities to determine how they are adding value • Proactively makes changes to improve performance with a focus on best practice, customer outcomes and most efficient use of money & resources. |
| Working together | Working together across teams, services and organisational boundaries to deliver services for the citizens of Coventry | 2 – Brings together colleagues/partners around a specific issue/problem | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively seeks out ideas from others to develop the best solution • Brings others together to solve problems/issues |
| Additional Behaviours | | | |

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| Building Support | Convincing others, communicating with impact, and skilfully influencing to build support for change | 2 - Considers best approach for engaging their audience around an issue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considers what will appeal/make sense to the particular audience, e.g. considers others interests, cultural differences etc. • Prepares for others' likely reactions in deciding how to present or communicate most effectively |
| Understanding how we work | Analysing and understanding the cultural, political and stakeholder context in which you are operating in order to decide on the best approach to getting things done | 2 - Understands how decisions are made and where to find the information they need to get the job done | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises the way things work and how things have customarily been done in Coventry & uses this to consider their approach • Understands the role of members and the political decision making process • Knows who they key stakeholders are and what their role is within their Council and its partners |

Responsible for: N/A

Responsible to: Customer Services Team Manager

Date Reviewed: May 2019

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Person Specification

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| Knowledge: | An awareness of and a commitment to customer care |
| | Working in a customer service environment |
| | Communication skills to be able to establish effective working relationships within the team and with customers |
| | Knowledge of equal opportunities and diversity |
| | Knowledge of services the Local Authority deliver |

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| Skills and Abilities: | Ability to drive high standards |
| | Build effective relationships and resolve conflict |
| | Supportive and empathetic |
| | Excellent verbal communications skills |
| | Able to build collaborative relationships with colleagues |
| | Self-management skills, to enable workload organisation, prioritisation and implementation, with minimum supervision |
| | A systematic, methodical and accurate approach to work |

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| Experience: | Evidence of personal development |
| | Working in a customer service environment |

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| Educational: | Relevant experience |
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| Special Requirements: | |
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