

Job Description and Person Specification

Role: Environmental Health Officer



Job Description

Job Title	Environmental Health Officer
Grade	7
Service	Regulatory Services
Reports to	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Location	One Friargate
Job Evaluation Code	C6161D



About Coventry City Council

Who we are: At Coventry City Council we are dedicated to making a positive difference to the services we deliver to the diverse citizens of Coventry. The work we do improves people's lives – from helping them into work to providing clean and green places to live, to keeping people safe and protected.

As a Coventry City Council employee, you have our ongoing commitment to your growth and development with opportunities to work across multiple service areas including customer contact, public health prevention and education and skills, adults and children's services and provide support for the most vulnerable.

Our aim is simple – to be globally connected, locally committed, deliver our priorities with fewer resources whilst effectively managing our performance and measuring our progress.

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:



About the Service your team will provide

Purpose of the role

Under the general direction of the Property Licensing and Housing Enforcement Manager or the Principal Environmental Health Officer:

- Deliver a high-quality property licensing service in a way that contributes to the achievement of the City Council's vision and objectives for a growing and sustainable city.
- Enforce all relevant legislation administered by the section, and to educate and encourage the public and business proprietors in order to improve relevant standards.

Main Duties & Key Accountabilities

Core Knowledge

- Undertake the inspection of premises and investigation of complaints, including joint inspections with other agencies to ensure compliance with legislation as required ensuring all relevant legislation is being complied with.
- Prepare reports and briefing notes as necessary for relevant Committee and Member meetings and provide technical support to the Chair of Committee, Cabinet Member and Senior Officers and other Council Departments, making telephone enquiries or calling in person; and provide professional and legally correct advice and information.
- Provide first line contact, offer appropriate assistance, advice, and support for members of the public, businesses, outside agencies, elected members and senior managers on operational service issues.
- Prepare statements of evidence and correspondence to be submitted to Legal Services, and attend court as required to give evidence and report back on the outcome.
- Interview alleged offenders and witnesses under PACE as required.
- Take appropriate action under the relevant statutory provisions to ensure that service objectives are met.
- Keep up to date with legislation changes, update the division on technical knowledge, trends and give talks and lectures on aspects of the service as required.

- Be proficient in the use of IT systems to ensure appropriate records and files are maintained.
- Contribute actively to the achievement of a good customer focused approach to service delivery within the section, participating in the development and maintenance of quality systems to ensure continuous monitoring and improvement to service quality and customer satisfaction for the service provider.
- Be able to work on own initiative and as part of a team, demonstrating flexibility in the approach to work as required by the service.
- Any other duties and responsibilities within the range of the salary grade.

Key relationships

External	Internal
West midlands fire service West Midlands Police University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust Coventry University University of Warwick HM Courts and Tribunals Service Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Home Office	Planning & Building Control Legal Services Adult & Children’s Social Services Waste Management & Street Enforcement Community Safety Finance & Council tax Elected members

Standard information

Post holders will be accountable for carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to Code of Conduct, Safeguarding, Health & Safety and the City Council’s Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Policies.

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

Smoke Free

The City Council is Smoke - Free. Smoking is not permitted on any of our premises or the surrounding land including car parking facilities.

Training

The postholder must attend any training that is identified as mandatory to their role.

Responsible for:

Staff managed by postholder: Zero

Person specification

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Knowledge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of legislation in relation of Environmental Health and Housing issues and any associated regulations and policy relevant to the service areas including enforcement and national trends and issues 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of customer care and the principles of equal opportunities in providing a housing licensing function. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of investigative techniques and the law of evidence including legal and court procedures 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act as it relates to the collection of effective evidence. 	
Skills and Abilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to receive and record information accurately and write reports, including prosecution reports in a way that is concise and easily understood, following complaints, investigations, or projects 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good listening skills and to be able to provide information and advice to businesses and consumers, clearly and sensitively, both verbally and in writing 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigatory skills 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influencing, persuading and negotiation skills 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational skills to enable workload prioritisation and meeting deadlines whilst working under pressure 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to monitor activities, visit premises, inspect, and audit systems, examine, test and sample items and interpret results of analysis 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be proficient in the use of IT packages 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to demonstrate a flexible approach to work patterns and systems, work effectively as part of a team and on own initiative 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a positive attitude towards the delivery of quality services and contribute to the development of services 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to deal confidently with a wide range of people and establishing sound working relationships with businesses, the public, internal and external stakeholders, Elected Members, senior managers, and colleagues 	
Experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate practical experience of working in an environmental health or housing environment 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of carrying out investigative work and giving evidence in court of similar environment 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of interviewing alleged offenders in accordance with the codes of practice of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of using computer databases, and Microsoft packages such as PowerPoint, excel, word and outlook
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of supervision of staff would be advantageous
<p>Qualifications</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CIEH accredited undergraduate or postgraduate Degree in Environmental Health (1975- present) issued by a UK centre, or a CIEH accredited Public Health Diploma/Environmental Health Diploma (1964-2004) issued by a UK centre.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered (EHRB) or Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner (desirable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHSRS Certificate of Competency (desirable)
<p>Special Requirements</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To occasionally work outside of office hours (before 07:30 or after 18:30) • To travel to other parts of the UK in the course of duties • To undertake any additional training identified by the council • To wear a body worn camera when instructed

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