

Job Description

Job Title	Private Sector Housing Technical Compliance Officer – Empty Homes
Directorate	Housing
Service Area	Private Sector Housing
Grade	6
Competency Level	1
Salary	£35,412 - £39,862
Job Type	Hybrid
Location	Cunard Building
Disclosure and barring service (DBS)	Not Applicable
Job Evaluation Ref No	

Job Purpose

To undertake checks on empty private rented sector properties to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements including but not limited to parts 1 & 4 Housing Act 2004, PDPA 1949, T&C Planning Act 1990 and supporting the Senior Enforcement Officers – Empty Homes.

Directly Responsible For:

Not applicable

Directly Responsible To:

Principle Officer – Empty Homes Team

Main Areas of Responsibility:

- To plan, organise and deliver inspections and assessment of caseload as part of a busy regulatory / statutory service in line with service objectives, policy and processes
- To undertake inspections and visits for compliance with relevant legislation
- To prepare notices / correspondence to property and landowners and other relevant persons relating to empty properties and problematic vacant land on time to the required professional standard in accordance with policy and procedures
- To ensure compliance with notices within timescales, including referrals for non-compliance
- To identify Housing Health and Safety Hazards/public health matters and to escalate as appropriate for further investigation
- To ensure all works undertaken in a timely manner in accordance with timescales, policy and procedures
- Serve notices, legal documents, write witness statements and other correspondence and provide support to the Senior Enforcement Officers – Vacant Properties
- To carry out all other duties commensurate with the post
- To investigate complaints and respond to service requests
- To investigate compliance issues within area of responsibility undertaking but not limited to the following: inspections, produce reports, gather evidence, conduct interviews under caution, request / prepare witness statements
- To provide specialist advice to the planning and licensing teams and investigate complaints about nuisance from domestic empty properties, empty commercial premises and problematic vacant land

- To represent the service at meetings, courts, tribunals and inquiries
- To respond to and investigate Have Your Requests and requests made under the Freedom of Information Act in accordance with specific timescales
- To attend training courses to maintain continued professional development

Supervision and Management Responsibility:

- No supervisory or line manager responsibility

Budget and Financial Responsibility:

- Being fully accountable for managing the council's resources well and complying with statutory requirements. This includes managing time, avoiding unnecessary waste, reuse and recycle resources to reduce personal impact

Social Value Responsibility:

- Drive for social value through all activities, ensuring wider social, economic and environmental benefits for the council, residents and communities

Physical Demands of the Job:

- The role will involve inspection of various types of accommodation and land, placing a level of physical demands on the individual
- It will also involve periods of sitting due to the administrative and compliance recording part of the role

Corporate Responsibility:

- Contribute to the delivery of the Council Plan

- Delivering and promoting excellent customer service, externally and internally
- Commitment to customer excellence by dealing with customer feedback, including complaints, and learning from feedback in the drive for continuous improvement
- Making the council a great place to work, living the council's values, actively engaging in regular communications including team meetings, undertaking training as required and being responsible for managing own performance
- Develop the City Council's commitment to equal opportunities and to promote non-discriminatory practices in all aspects of work undertaken
- To ensure that all work functions are undertaken in accordance with health and safety legislation, codes of practice and the City Council's safety plan

Competency Framework:

We operate a competency framework, a set of core behaviours which define how we are expected to approach our work, how we perform in certain situations and how we treat each other. Each competency details the standards of behaviours and skills required by all staff and this in turn supports delivery of our aim and our council plans linking them together with our values.

The post holder will be required to demonstrate the ability to perform at competency level **1**.

[The competency framework can be found here.](#)

This job description is not intended to be either prescriptive or exhaustive. It is issued as a framework to outline the main areas of responsibility. You will be expected to carry out any other duties that may reasonably be required in line with your main duties and changing priorities of the organisation.

Person Specification

Assessment methods used: I = Interview, P = Presentation, A = Application, E = Exercise, T = Test, AC = Assessment Centre

Qualification and training

Essential

- Degree or formal qualification in relevant technical discipline, or extensive proven experience in a similar role (A,I)

Desirable

- Full / Chartered Membership of a relevant technical institution

Experience

Essential

- Experience of undertaking formal / informal inspections of buildings / premises (A,I)
- Experience of working on own initiative, as part of a team (A,I)
- Knowledge and understanding of HHSRS and associated housing legislation (A,I)

Desirable

- Experience in the full range of Environmental Health duties
- Experience of working in quality assured environment



Skills/Abilities

Essential

- Ability to understand and use of private sector housing powers including Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (A,I)
- Ability to communicate in written and oral formats (A,I)
- Good inter-personal and customer care skills (A,I)

Desirable

- Presentation skills

Commitment

Essential

- Commitment to continuous improvement (A,I)
- Willingness to represent the service at meetings and carry out investigations and inspections / out of normal office hours (A)

Desirable

- An understanding of and a personal commitment to the Vision and Values of Liverpool City Council

Other

Desirable

- A full UK driving licence

