



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An awareness of the issues that face local government generally.</li> <li>● An understanding of the link between legal services and the operational management and policy objectives of the Council.</li> </ul>	
<b>SKILLS &amp; ABILITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ability to provide high quality legal services, which are responsive to the needs of clients and provide timely and constructive solutions to customer requirements.</li> <li>● Demonstrate high levels of interpersonal skills and the ability to contribute to multi-disciplinary teams within the Council.</li> <li>● Excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to present to diverse audiences including elected Members, senior officers, staff and external agencies.</li> <li>● Proven ability to analyse, use and present complex data in a clear and informative way.</li> <li>● Ability to provide high level, high quality advice, as appropriate, in a timely manner.</li> <li>● Proven ability to think and act strategically and to contribute to the corporate plan.</li> <li>● Able to operate effectively as an individual and as part of a group.</li> </ul>	
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Experience as a legal advisor in one of the following legal fields:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An experienced lawyer and manager.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Property &amp; Planning</li> <li>● Contracts and Procurement</li> <li>● Social Care (children and/or adult)</li> <li>● Education</li> <li>● Public health</li> <li>● Litigation</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A proven track record of providing good quality legal advice and assistance.</li> <li>● Success in working within an effective team and sustaining effective relationships with staff, clients and elected members.</li> </ul>	
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Solicitor, either with a current practising certificate or eligible to apply for a practising certificate, or a qualified Barrister or a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, or possessing an equivalent qualification gained in another jurisdiction.</li> <li>● Evidence of continuing professional development.</li> </ul>	
<b>PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Must be willing to work outside office hours during the week as dictated by the requirements of the service.</li> <li>● While the job-holder may work flexible hours, it is expected that colleagues in the Legal Services Practice will co-operate with one another and co-ordinate their absences so that between 9.00am and 5.00pm on each working day there are always sufficient staff available to deal with emergency legal work.</li> </ul>	
<b>EQUALITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Candidates must demonstrate understanding of, acceptance and commitment to the principals underlying equal opportunities.</li> </ul>	
<b>CUSTOMER CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Knowledge and understanding of effective customer care</li> </ul>	