



Person Specification

JOB TITLE:	Principal Estates Surveyor	POST NO:	
GRADE:		DEPARTMENT:	Corporate Services
HOURS			
DIVISION:	Commercial, Property and Asset Management	DIRECTOR:	Service Director (Commercial, Property and Asset Management)

DATE:

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ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL CRITERIA	DESIRABLE CRITERIA
KNOWLEDGE	 Knowledge of valuation for statutory accounting, Red Book and any other purpose. (AI) Substantial knowledge of estate and property management for leased investment and operational assets. (AI) Substantial knowledge in all areas of Landlord and Tenant management. (AI) Substantial knowledge in providing advice and managing both disposals and acquisitions across a varied portfolio of property. (AI) Substantial knowledge of delivering training to staff on property matters and ensuring compliance with CPD requirements. (AI) Substantial knowledge of providing professional and practical property and estate management advice to all levels of an organisation (AI) Knowledge in the delivery of Strategic Asset Management Plans. (AI) Substantial knowledge, understanding and monitoring of current property issues that have a material impact on the Council's portfolio. (AI) A comprehensive understanding 	An understanding of Strategic Property Asset Management (AI)

	of the current issues and	
	challenges facing local	
	government as well as the	
	statutory framework governing	
	the sector (AI)	
	Ability to identify scope and use	
SKILLS &	appropriate PPE equipment for	
ABILITIES	site visits.	
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	Knowledge of safety factors	
	around site inspections, safety	
	on building sites and at work,	
	working at height and confined	
	access arrangements.	
	 Ability to use a range of technical 	
	surveying equipment including	
	GIS mapping tools, reviewing	
	and editing CAD, distometers,	
	protimeters and theodolites.	
	The ability to independently	
	interpret and analyse complex	
	information or situations and to	
	produce solutions over the short,	
	medium and long term (AI)	
	• The ability to provide balanced	
	corporate advice and guidance	
	in a political setting (AI)	
	Able to effectively support and	
	manage property colleagues in a	
	variety of situations. (AI)	
	 Able to convey information both 	
	verbally and in writing (AI)	
	Able to collect and interpret	
	technical data, undertake	
	analysis and evaluation and	
	present information/results in an	
	easily understandable format	
	(AI)	
	Ability to read understand and	
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	interpret relevant approved Codes of Practice and guidance	
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	(AI)	
	Able to identify hazards, assess	
	risks and advise on control	
	measures to prevent/protect	
	against significant risks, having	
	regard to the hierarchy of	
	controls and sensible risk	
	management. (AI)	
	The ability to effectively plan and	
	organise own workload to meet	
	targets, deadlines and actions,	
	prioritising to satisfy competing	
	demands and urgent issues. (AI)	
	• The ability to communicate	
	complicated and contentious	

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	information with varied	
	audiences in person and/or in	
	writing in the form of professional	
	reports and business cases. (AI)	
	The ability to work under high	
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	levels of pressure including	
	where necessary meeting	
	unpredictable deadlines. (AI)	
•	The ability to persuade others to	
	adopt a course of action which is	
	not necessarily their preferred	
	approach (AI)	
•	Excellent communication skills	
	that demonstrate the ability to	
	work with managers and	
	employees at all levels of the	
	organisation (AI)	
	Good ICT skills with experience	
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	of MS word, Excel and	
	PowerPoint (AI)	
•	A highly focussed commercial	
	approach in achieving outcomes,	
	whilst having regard to	
	constraints of the local	
	government business	
	environment (AI)	
•	Skills in understanding and	
	responding to different	
	perspectives and taking a cross-	
	organisational approach, gained	
	by working in a political or	
	similarly challenging	
	environment (AI)	
•	Business acumen and an	
	entrepreneurial mindset to lead	
	the strategic delivery of services	
	and maintain a focus on	
	obtaining best value for money at	
	all times balanced, against the	
	difficult and sensitive challenges	
	faced (AI)	
•	Ability to lead, develop and	
	sustain effective cross functional	
	team, partnership and multi-	
	agency working through strong	
	effective advocacy, influencing	
	and negotiating skills (AI)	
•	Skills to provide creative	
	solutions to complex problems	
	together with high level	
	analytical, presentational and	
	communication skills (AI)	
•	Ability to establish and sustain	
	positive relationships that	
	generate confidence, ability and trust (AI)	

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	 Highly developed influencing and negotiation skills to operate at a strategic professional and political level, locally and nationally (AI) Understanding of the barriers to organisational and cultural change and the commitment to being a catalyst for change (AI) An ability to relate to and win the confidence, trust and respect of Members, senior stakeholders, colleagues, partners and the wider community (AI) Ability to use information technology to improve service delivery and reduce costs (AI) Excellent management and leadership skills, which encourage commitment from others and promote a positive, motivated service culture (AI) Excellent communication skills and the ability to communicate complex information both orally and in writing in a clear articulate and balanced way to a variety of audiences (AI) Excellent negotiation skills and an ability to influence outcomes through reasoning, persuasion and tat (AI) Strategic and logical thinker and decision-maker able to provide practical and creative solutions to the management of property issues (AI) Intellectual and analytical abilities; able to assimilate and analyse information puckly, identifying issues, priorities and solutions and using effective models, techniques and
	resources to resolve issues (AI)
EXPERIENCE	 Property and estates experience within a large diverse public or private sector organisation, which preferably includes activities as per those the post holder will be advising. (AI) Experience as a Senior Estates Surveyor working at operational level to write Policies, provide advice to staff at all levels and evidence a track record of achievements. (AI)

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	Strong financial and budgetary
	 Strong financial and budgetary awareness with the ability to manage finance and wider resources within a strong performance management culture (AI) Experience of managing and using property data and records (AI) Demonstrated evidence of significant service improvement through managing change including staff engagement, capacity building, workforce modernisation and organisational reform (AI) Experience of working effectively in a political environment and of winning the confidence of elected members (AI) Experience of driving performance management using appropriate quality and management methods and models to deliver efficient and effective services through collaborative working (AI) Establishing reviewing and writing Policies as well as effective performance measures to improve service delivery (AI) Delivering creative and innovative solutions to improve the use of resources and achieve value for money across an organisation (AI) Experience of financial and budget management (AI) Experience of using data to enable evidence-based decision making (AI)
QUALIFICATIONS	 RICS professional qualification with at least 5 years PQE and membership of RICS Demonstrate commitment to continuing professional
PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	 development. A willingness to undertake professional training, including CIPFA / ACES Diploma in Public Sector Asset Management Travel throughout the City. Must hold a valid driving license. To be self-motivated, able to work under pressure with minimum supervision
EQUALITY	 Candidates must demonstrate understanding of acceptance and commitment to the principals underlying equal opportunities. (AI)

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CUSTOMER CARE	 Knowledge and understanding of effective customer care (AI) 	

[At the end of each criteria the following codes are used to indicate how the criteria will be assessed: (AI) Application / Interview, (P) Presentation, (W) Written Test.]

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