

## Job Profile Information: TA Purchasing Project Manager

This supplementary information for is for guidance the post of TA Purchasing Project Manager Job Level 4 Zone 2

### Camden Way Category 4

**It is for use during recruitment, setting objectives as part of the performance management process and other people management purposes. It does not form part of an employee's contract of employment.**

#### **Role Purpose:**

To lead the delivery of an innovative acquisition programme of ex RTB properties in Camden to meet the needs of homeless families. There may be other projects to lead at the same time. A key objective of the Homelessness Strategy is to prevent homelessness and to provide good quality temporary accommodation when homelessness cannot be prevented. The Council is remodelling its temporary accommodation hostel portfolio, which involves ending the lease on a large family hostel whilst building new council owned hostels, during which the number of temporary accommodation units in our borough will be reduced. To mitigate against this a programme of acquiring ex RTB properties for use as temporary accommodation with a budget of £22M has been agreed. The post holder will be responsible for delivering the acquisition programme.

This is a high profile post, which will require the person to work at pace and collaboratively with colleagues. The work will undergo regular scrutiny.

#### **Example outcomes or objectives that this role will deliver:**

- The key outcome will be the purchase of units under the programme
- Work closely with leads and sponsors for all services involved in the acquisitions programme in an innovative and creative way.
- Identify and establish excellent working relationships with key internal and external partners.
- Develop new procedures/processes in support of delivery of the project; developing an end to end process from identification of properties to valuation, conveyancing, void works, letting and housing management
- Produce high quality reports of activity and performance data and present these to senior managers or Boards
- Produce and maintain a project plan, risk log, key dependencies and assumptions
- Ensure achievement of challenging targets by key stakeholders within defined timescales
- Protect Council resources by detecting and preventing fraud
- Ensure value for money from the acquisitions programme
- Maintain a high level of knowledge about housing markets, assessing risks and opportunities

- Produce and present high quality progress reports and updates on the project plan to Project/Programme Boards, Steering Group, Senior Leaders etc. and make recommendations for changes in policies and procedures

### **People Management Responsibilities:**

#### **Relationships;**

- Ability to develop and manage proactive and collaborative relationships with internal, existing and new colleagues in complex and changing relationships, to ensure that the programme delivers the required number of acquisitions.
- Ability to work independently but where appropriate closely with senior leaders and members and to offer advice and identify opportunities
- Ability to develop and maintain relationships with home owners, agents, finance companies and other commercial entities

#### **Work Environment:**

- The role will primarily be based in council buildings.
- Home working may be available at times, in agreement with your Manager.
- Meetings may be required off site with external stakeholders, including home owners
- Visits to potential properties will be required

#### **Technical Knowledge and Experience:**

- No formal qualifications are required but a high standard of general education attainment is essential
- Knowledge of the private housing letting and sales market
- Knowledge of related legislation, such as building conditions, conveyancing, lease agreements and housing finance as it relates to sales
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Good numeracy skills
- Negotiation skills
- Working knowledge of data protection legislation and information sharing protocols
- Experience of managing budgets and assessing risk
- Experience of managing projects

**Camden Way Five Ways of Working**  
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*In order to continue delivering for the people of Camden in the face of ever increasing financial pressure, we need to transform the way we do things. We call this the Camden Way. The Camden Way is a key part of our transformation strategy often referred to as the transformation triangle which links the Camden Plan, the Camden Way and the Financial Strategy together.*

The Camden Way illustrates the approach that should underpin everything we do through five ways of working:

- Deliver for the people of Camden
- Work as one team
- Take pride in getting it right
- Find better ways
- Take personal responsibility

**STRUCTURE CHART - the role will be in the Homelessness Initiatives Service, reporting jointly to the Homelessness Initiatives Service Manager and Head of Housing Needs**

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