

Post Specification

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| Date | February 2024 |
| Post Group Number | 8135 |
| Post Title | Senior Advisor – Green Finance and Circular Economy |
| Job Family | Organisational Support |
| Job Family Role Profile | OS14 |
| Final Grade | 14 |

To be read in conjunction with the job family role profile

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| <p>Service Area description</p> <p>This role is part of Climate Change and Natural Environments within the Thriving Places directorate.</p> <p>Climate Change and Nature are key priorities of Westmorland and Furness Council, having declared both a climate and biodiversity emergency. Westmorland and Furness are aiming to be at the forefront of tackling climate change and the challenges it presents, along with addressing biodiversity loss through enhancing our natural habitats.</p> <p>Westmorland and Furness has successfully obtained funding with key partners through Innovate UK for Project Rural Net Zero, an innovative partnership aiming to understand and address the non-technical barriers to decarbonisation in W&F.</p> |
| <p>Purpose of this post</p> <p>To lead the delivery of the project to tackle non-technical barriers to financing net zero interventions and to embed circular economy principles into council policy and operations and share approaches more widely through strategic influence and networks, including with the private sector, and through major programmes.</p> <p>This role will focus on identifying and maximising the opportunities from green finance, from a council, community and private sector perspective. Along with the circular economy, embedding understanding and application into the council and working with the private sector to demonstrate the benefits of and grow the circular economy in W&F.</p> |
| <p>Key job specific accountabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for leading the council's approach to green finance and circular economy, embedding understanding into the Climate and Nature team as well as wider across many departments within the council. • To project manage the Innovate UK funded project Rural Net Zero: Westmorland and Furness. • To promote the implementation circular economy across the council and working in partnership with local organisations to demonstrate what is possible within our area. • To guide and provide green finance advice across the council and to wider partners within our key partnerships such as Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership and Cumbria Local Nature Partnership. • Implement technical solutions for accessing public and private funding to direct to climate and nature solutions. |

- To advise upon government strategy and policy around green finance, linking in with key government departments such as DEFRA, DESNZ and DLUC.
- Advise on often complex issues as appropriate, giving clear advice to officers, members, partners and stakeholders as required.
- To coordinate and provide green finance and circular economy advice:
 - Ensuring works are carried out in line with relevant legislation, policies, good practice standards and protected species license specifications.
 - Ensuring mitigation and compensation is properly undertaken to the required specifications.
- To oversee and prepare reports, statements and written evidence.
- To carry out research, data collection and monitoring in relation to the climate change, natural environment and environmental policy.
- Maintain and seek to raise awareness in green finance and circular economy.
- Ensuring all activities are carried out in accordance with the Council’s constitution, regulations, policies, and national standards.
- Have the ability to present technical information to multiple audiences with varying degrees of understanding of the subject and be able to write reports for Cabinet, Committees and Locality Boards.
- To work closely within a small team within the climate and nature team, guiding supporting roles where necessary.
- Carrying out any other duties requested within the employee’s skills and abilities whenever reasonably instructed.

Please note annual targets will be discussed during the appraisal process

Key facts and figures of the post

Budget Responsibilities

- No

Staff Management Responsibilities

- No

Other

Essential Criteria - Qualifications, knowledge, experience and expertise

- Knowledge and understanding of Climate Change and Natural Environments – specialising in green finance and circular economy.
- Relevant degree in environmental, finance or waste fields or equivalent in a relevant field.
- Knowledge of relevant National and International legislation and policy relating to Climate Change and specifically green finance and circular economy.
- Knowledge and experience of project management.
- Relevant experience of working within a partnership and leading a project.
- Politically astute in a rapidly-changing environment.
- Experience of working with a multi-disciplinary workforce.
- Experience of leading work within a multidisciplinary workforce.
- Good negotiation and interpersonal skills.
- Understanding of the principles and application of climate and environmental legislation.
- Experience of report writing and writing succinctly and clearly.
- Committed to equal opportunities.
- Experience of being part of a specialist team, working to shared objectives and outcomes, and leading on key projects.
- Customer-focused approach and committed to excellent customer service.
- Desirable Experience of data handling and management such as Geographical Information Systems.

| Disclosure and Barring Service – DBS Checks | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This post does not require a DBS check. | |
| Job working circumstances | |
| Emotional Demands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A |
| Physical Demands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A |
| Working Conditions | <p>Hours are generally worked during normal office hours and subject to the Council's flexible working schemes.</p> <p>Although the role is generally office based, there will be some flexibility to work from home, subject to agreement by the line manager. There is also a physical need to move throughout office buildings and attend external meetings with a variety of different organisations. In order to meet the duties of the post the job holder must ability to travel independently around Cumbria</p> <p>Site visits may be required when needed to meet with Community Groups, Stakeholders and partner orgasniations involved in biodiversity. Some sites may be rural in nature.</p> |
| Other Factors | |
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