

Engineering Project Manager

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West Sussex County Council (WSCC) are responsible for 872 bridges across the County. The Highways and Transport department maintains these assets so that they are safe for use. This contributes to the Council's strategic objectives for Infrastructure, delivering the Local Transport Plan alongside supporting economic development and accessibility to services for the customers in West Sussex; working on major capital projects, typically valued around £1m per annum.

About the Job

Providing project management, for the delivery of annual capital investment programme with a strong background in Highway Structures. As well as being able to project manage works delivery you will be required to appraise and challenge design decision; managing a team with the responsibility for development and delivery of demanding major highways structures projects. You will have direct contact with Cabinet and local members at County, District and Parish levels, alongside government agencies and suppliers of products and services.

What you'll need to succeed

A qualified engineer with relevant knowledge associated with highway structures and technical standards used to design and assess schemes. You will be responsible for an annual budget approx. £1m; able to project manage effectively with excellent communication skills and able to build effective working relationships, able to problem solve with financial acumen and political awareness.

Job Details

Grade:

Grade 12

Directorate Group:

Highways and Transport

Location:

County Hall, Chichester

Person Specification (These will be used as the shortlisting criteria)

Key skills

1. Advanced analytical skills in order to interpret and manipulate very varied and complex project information in relation to services/programmes.
2. Ability to organise, plan / forward plan, meet /set targets, making effective judgements in order to continuously develop and review the effectiveness of service and staff to meet objectives/deadlines.
3. Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to influence.
4. Strong problem solving skills with the ability to anticipate problems and resolve issues independently, planning solutions and making pragmatic decisions.
5. Ability to deliver a demanding project management service.

Qualifications and/or experience

- Degree, or equivalent or significant experience in Civil Engineering with a focus on highway structures essential. Chartered Status desirable.
- Project Management qualification (e.g. PRINCE 2) or equivalent level of experience able to demonstrate comprehensive application of the above levels of knowledge in a relevant setting.
- Demonstrable experience and knowledge of providing professional/specialist advice on developing and implementing projects, with the ability to effectively manage the project process.
- Experience in supervising staff, contributing to the development of an effective team.
- Financial management experience with developed numeracy skills and experience of having had accountability for large budgets.

Key Responsibilities

Responsible for project managing single or a portfolio of major projects, delivering on time, compliant with technical standards and within budget alongside completing project documentation.

To research, analyse information, interpret, plan long term and make judgements within budgets based on the needs of the assets, including efficient problem solving

Analyse very varied and complex statistical information for the ongoing monitoring of project performance, costs, etc. as part of the project process or when considering modifications to a project.

Excellent communication skills with the ability to influence the actions of others, including ability to negotiate solutions and successfully convince others of the need to take a specific course of action.

Responsible for the provision of expert project management advice and guidance to clients/project team on the projects they are managing and project processes, where required.



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