

Job Pack

**CFRT Specialist Advisor
(Income Maximisation
and Welfare)**



Lewes District Council



Working in partnership with Eastbourne Homes

Location

Thank you for taking the time to look at the details of this post.

Located in the heart of the Sussex countryside and one of the principal towns of the South Downs National Park Lewes offers the best of town and country. It is no surprise that the District is considered among the most desirable places to live and work in the UK.

Lewes town is one of the jewels of the South Downs National Park and the District also possesses many picturesque towns and villages, all with their own unique character.

Whilst nearby Eastbourne is a resort town on England's southeast coast. On the seafront are Victorian hotels, the 19th-century Eastbourne Pier and a 1930s bandstand. Discover a wide range of shops in Eastbourne from high street shopping at The Beacon to the quaint Victorian shopping streets of Little Chelsea, and the boutiques in the Enterprise Centre.

One of the most attractive aspects of living and working in the Lewes and Eastbourne area is the quality of life it has to offer. It is a truly exceptional location. Make the most of the area by enjoying a wide range of activities including country walks, water sports and much more.

Our offices in Lewes and Eastbourne are located close to Train Stations with direct connections to the coast and London. However, the Council provide all the necessary IT and infrastructure to enable home working and maintain a good work life balance

“The best of town, country and coast”

Job Description

Post Title	CFRT Specialist Advisor (Income Maximisation and Welfare)
Service Area	Customer First
Grade	D/E
Reports to	Senior Specialist Customer First Resolution Advisor
Date prepared	January 2021

Job Purpose

- Provide customer focused technical advice on a range of statutory and non-statutory services.
- Act as expert in technical area providing advice and guidance on area of expertise
- To provide expert advice to other areas of the organisation such as for planning applications
- To input and deliver appropriate areas of the Corporate Strategy and associated policies and plans.
- To provide technical input to corporate projects and strategic programmes.

Key Tasks

1. To deliver a technical, professional service with high standards of advice and support and resolving cases of varying complexity as they arise.
2. Act on contact
3. Interacting with customers and managers across multiple channels: face to face, phone, letter, email, web chat, customer portal, self-service channels and a range of social media channels
4. Carry out site visits and inspections as required for area of specialism.
5. Ensure compliance with statutory regulations, legislation, professional codes of practice and adherence to Council policy.

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6. Being accountable for and handling complex or contentious applications, cases and inspections, ensuring satisfactory resolution and liaising with external agencies and partners including courts, tribunal services and other formal bodies.
 7. Provide training, coaching, support, guidance, and advice to the Customer First Resolution team delivering the service on more routine cases.
 8. Specify and manage projects, budgets and contracts that deliver community and corporate objectives.
 9. Prepare and present reports to Cabinet, Council committees and other internal and external meetings.
 10. To provide technical expertise for strategy development.
 11. Ensure personal, continuous professional development is maintained to the required standards.
 12. Develop and manage Council policies and contribute to the Corporate Plan and the development of service strategy across the councils'
 13. Provide technical consultancy type advice on area of expertise to other areas of the Councils
 14. Investigate and respond to corporate complaints, MP enquiries, member enquiries and FOI requests as deemed appropriate by line manager.

Corporate Accountabilities

1. To promote equality of opportunity in service delivery in line with strategic commitment and corporate policies.
2. To Promote a culture that is supportive of the Council's purpose, aims and values, and to take all reasonable steps to maintain good employee relations.
3. Staff are encouraged to participate fully in promoting a safety culture to protect the safety and health of themselves, colleagues and other people affected by the Council's activities.
4. To understand and apply the council's Data Protection and Data Quality policy and procedures.
5. Any other duties commensurate with the nature of the post.
6. Provide cover in the absence of other team members.

7. You will be required to support the Councils' corporate priorities and to ensure business continuity eg emergency response, elections, deployment to critical services.
8. Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Councils' are committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk. The Corporate Safeguarding Policy and Procedures provides a framework within the Council, setting out responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults at risk.

The policy applies to all employees, councillors, volunteers and service providers that are commissioned by the council.

9. To work within the Council's Management and Core Competencies Framework(s). Central to the delivery of the role are the values and behaviours set out below. These are shared by all employees and applied to everything we do. The bullet points for each competency are examples of performance required:

Core Competencies

Sharing the Vision - Shaping the Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands the Council's purpose, context, goals, objectives, and values, and is willing to behave consistently with them. • Knows the strategic direction of the Council and acts in support of it.
Communicating Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributes to and participates in an organisation where high quality information flows smoothly both internally and externally. • Works positively to gain understanding from others.
Driving Improvement Performance & Results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility and ownership for decisions, actions, and results. • Takes actions to improve skills, knowledge, and level of contribution. • Seeks and delivers high standards for self, team, and Council
Self-Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-motivated and professional. • Is organised and uses time and technology efficiently. • Adopts a flexible approach to change
Delivering for our Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a desire to identify and give priority to meeting and exceeding the needs of internal and external customers, generating high levels of customer satisfaction
Working Together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively contributes to team working, sharing information, valuing the input of others. • Works co-operatively and is committed to building, productive, positive relationships.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates commitment to achieving overall team objectives
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Management Competencies

Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspires and engenders commitment in others. • Leads from the front and by example. • Presents a united corporate view.
Managing and Developing Performance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches and supports individuals and teams to perform at their best, motivating and developing them to achieve high performance.
Managing Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures the Council's priorities are achieved through planned action programmes. • Makes best use of resources, ensuring value for money
Managing change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embraces, facilitates, implements, and manages change to improve and develop services

PERSON SPECIFICATION

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 GCSE (or equivalent) at Grade C or above including Maths and English OR equivalent (or qualified by strong relevant experience).• Relevant qualification or qualified by track record of relevant experience.• Relevant technical qualification as per statutory requirements and / or if appropriate qualified by track record of relevant experience.• Membership of relevant professional body (if required).	

TRAINING

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Customer service• Mandatory online courses• Commitment to undertake continuing professional development.	

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proactive with commitment to provision of excellent customer service.• Ability to prioritise, meet deadlines and work effectively under pressure.• Good communication skills both written and verbal to include	

<p>report writing, presentation and influencing skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal reasoning. • Decision making and problem solving. • Committed to high standards of performance and quality. • Able to communicate effectively with customers, colleagues, Council Officers and external agencies. • Ability to effectively organise own and team workload to meet deadlines. • Ability to train, mentor and coach other team members. • Ability to actively listen in order to extract and assess important information to ensure that the appropriate arrangements are made to support the customer's needs. • Ability to work calmly and sensitively. • To be confident, flexible and the ability to work on own initiative. • Proficient in council IT systems • Ability to use IT systems to gather, store and produce reports and process information. • Ability to work, support and deliver services within the Councils Equalities Policy. 	
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KNOWLEDGE

<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working knowledge of Microsoft Office. • Excellent Knowledge of services provided across the councils. • A good knowledge of the working practices and methodologies of at least one of the relevant specialist services. 	<p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good knowledge of terminology and acronyms used by service areas. • Contracts and procurement methods and practices. • Project and/or change management.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good working knowledge of legislation and developments within the specialism. • Equalities policy and procedures. 	
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EXPERIENCE

<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional competence / expertise and proven experience in the relevant specialism(s). • Assisting in planning and delivering projects/ programmes. • Preparation and presentation of reports. • Experience in dealing with service users and stakeholders. 	<p>Desirable</p>
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PHYSICAL, LEGAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An engaging, enthusiastic and positive manner with a strong “can do” approach. • Able to undertake site inspections. • Willingness to work within the council’s Core Competency Framework. • Willingness to develop skills and knowledge in other areas to provide flexibility within the service. 	<p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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All staff must be prepared to have an understanding of the Equal Opportunities, Customer Care and Health and Safety policies. Managers in particular, must have a commitment to implement and abide by these policies.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Councils have been on a transformational journey to fully integrate services. This has involved integrating staff teams, processes and systems whilst still retaining sovereignty of the individual councils.

The employer will be Eastbourne Borough Council.

Duration

This is a Permanent contract.

Conditions of Service

The conditions of service for this post are for the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services. The post is graded Band D/E.

Salary

The spinal column points (SCP) for the post are as follows:

SCP 15	£24423	SCP 22	£28056
SCP 16	£24911	SCP 23	£28226
SCP 17	£25410	SCP 24	£29174
SCP 18	£25919	SCP 25	£30095
SCP 19	£26437	SCP 26	£30984
SCP 20	£26966	SCP 27	£31895
SCP 21	£27505	SCP 28	£32798

Hours

The hours for this post are 37 a week. These will be worked within operational requirements. Actual starting and finishing times will be agreed with your manager. Within these boundaries the Council operates a flexitime scheme for all but Heads of Service. Details will be supplied to the successful candidate upon appointment.

Place of Work

Your normal place of work will be from home, however you will be required to attend the offices at either Eastbourne or Lewes, or such other places within the boundaries of Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough as may be reasonably required.

In particular, you will be required to:

- Budget for and cover the costs of all expenses incurred (including travel costs) to attend Team Meetings or Events, as well as for training at any of the Councils' sites.
- Budget for and allocate time to travel to appointments in the Councils boundaries where required. For example, visits that need to be performed as part of your role and cannot reasonably or appropriately be carried out remotely.
- Budget for and cover all postage costs (including return postage from Councils sites to your home) for all IT and other work equipment, when this needs to be replaced or

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- updated. This includes but is not limited to, your work phone/headset and your laptop, such as for updates to software that need your laptop onsite connected to the LAN.
 - Continue to participate in all meetings as reasonably required, such as 121 meetings, team meetings, attendance management meetings, or consultations on any proposed changes, such as restructures. Where possible and appropriate, these meetings will be conducted remotely but where it is not possible or it is deemed inappropriate for the meeting to be conducted remotely, you will be required to cover all expenses incurred (including travel) for your attendance at said meetings.

Probationary Period

All posts are subject to a six months' probationary period where your suitability for the post will be assessed. During this time your progress will be reviewed and discussed with you at regular intervals.

Annual Leave

The leave year runs from 1 April to 31 March and entitlement varies with length of service. The current minimum entitlement is 25 days. This increases to 29 days in the leave year following completion of five years' service. Subject to the demands of the post, you will normally receive additional paid leave on each Public Holiday.

An employee who starts part way through the year will receive a proportion of the basic holiday entitlement. For operational reasons some Service Areas have to restrict the maximum amount of holiday taken at any one time and its timing in the year. Holiday commitments entered into before taking up an appointment will be honoured wherever possible.

Notice Period

The contract of employment applicable to this post will specify a minimum period of one calendar month up to SCP22 and two calendar months SCP23 and above, to be given by either side.

Pension

We provide membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) to employees aged under 75 who have a contract of employment that is for at least 3 months. The LGPS is a qualifying pension scheme, which means it meets or exceeds the government's standards.

All employees are automatically entered into the Local Government Pension Scheme unless they choose to make alternative provision for pension. Scheme members contribute the percentage of salary as set out in the table below. We will also make an employer's contribution to the scheme.

The contribution bands with effect from 01 April 2022 are:

Pay Range	Contribution
Up to £15,000	5.50%
£15,001 to £23,600	5.80%
£23,601 to £38,300	6.50%
£38,301 to £48,500	6.80%
£48,501 to £67,900	8.50%
£67,901 to £96,200	9.90%
£96,201 - £113,400	10.50%
£113,401 - £170,100	11.40%
£170,101 or more	12.50%

The pay ranges will be increased each year from 01 April in line with inflation.

Based on the salary for this role, the contribution will be 6.50%