



North Northamptonshire Council

Job Description

Job title:	Senior Finance Business Partner (Accountancy – Treasury and Taxation)
Location:	Remote/Kettering
Grade:	Spot
Salary:	£46,927 to £52,685
Section:	Finance & Accountancy
Reports to:	Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner
Responsible for:	Finance Business Partners and Accountants

Purpose of the job (why the job exists)

This post is in the Professional Accountancy Team which are responsible for:

- Closure of Accounts and the Production of the Statement of Accounts
- Treasury Management
- Capital Programme
- Collection Fund
- Strategic financial management
- Operational accountancy requirements
- Advice and support to budget managers
- Performance Management
- Driving of the efficiency agenda

The Senior Finance Business Partner will support the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner in relation to the Accountancy function which includes the closedown of the Council's accounts and the production of the Statement of Accounts and the overall financial governance ensuring controls are in place and are being effectively maintained.

This role will be responsible for managing treasury and VAT function, involving daily cash management activities, cashflow analysis, treasury monitoring, VAT returns and VAT advice. This role will also be involved in the year end close down, and budget setting process in providing support for the Treasury and Capital strategies.

The Senior Finance Business Partner is to provide high quality financial support to Executive Directors, Assistant Directors and Service Managers. This is a high-profile role and requires good management skills to ensure finance services provided are professional and customer focused.

The Senior Finance Business Partner will be required to support the Chief Accountant in the effective management in ensuring financial controls and governance are held in

high regard across the organization, with a particular emphasis on the Collection Fund.

The Senior Finance Business Partner is expected to manage members of the Finance team that may include Finance Business Partners and Accountants in providing a high-quality responsive service and advice, to ensure the integrity of the Council's assurance and control arrangements are adequate and maintained.

The role will support the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner in servicing the strategic financial needs of internal customers and to lead and develop the provision of their accountancy, budgeting and financial advice.

As a member of the Finance Management Team, you will contribute to the overall strategic and operational management of the Finance Division, leading and motivating and developing the staff of the team to ensure its objectives are achieved and to enhance its overall level of performance and morale.

Provide high level advice on accounting, budgeting and financial management to Councillors, Service Directors and other managers.

To ensure adherence to and advise on the application of legislative, regularity and both national and international accounting standards. Provide input on other financial management requirements which will lead to the development of Finance being a first-class service.

Develop effective relationships with appropriate national bodies and other local authorities, to inform and enhance the quality of the work of the post-holder's team.

Principal responsibilities

1. As a member of the Chief Accountants/Strategic Finance Business Partners management team, contribute to the overall strategic and operational management of the provision of Financial Services to the Service, this will include the closure of the accounts and the production of the Statement of Accounts.
2. Manage, motivate and develop staff within the team, providing support to ensure that priorities are identified, objectives achieved and to enhance the overall level of performance and morale.
3. Ensure effective and ongoing implementation of the Council's Performance Appraisal and Development Programme within the finance team.
4. Ensure that services perform their duties and functions in fulfilment of their financial statutory obligations, keeping abreast of the Councils changing legal obligations, mandates and responsible for ensuring relevant compliance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules and Financial Code.

5. To manage the provision of financial support on obtaining and securing financial resources including the assessment of business options, including interpreting/analysing complex financial and non-financial information.
6. Support the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner in designing and delivering bespoke financial training packages to Officers on the close down process.
7. Deliver Customer Satisfaction levels to support the Accountancy business plan and deliverables.
8. Support the closedown of the accounts schedule by reviewing processes and timescales to enable deadlines to be met.
9. To manage finance projects assigned by the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner.
10. To support the provision of financial direction and analysis to all Service and Support Directorates.
11. Deputise for the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner in their absence where appropriate.
13. Ensuring all financial controls are undertaken in a timely manner and supporting the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner on Balance Sheet Monitoring and reporting.
14. Support the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner on the timely and accurate production of reporting of financial performance and ensuring effective controls of the overall budget.
15. Support the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner on relevant compliance with the financial regulations and standing orders of the council
16. Support the Chief Accountant/Strategic Finance Business Partner in ensuring that the council has effective arrangements for internal financial controls and appropriate levels of financial governance.

General responsibilities applicable to all jobs

1. Demonstrate awareness/understanding of equal opportunities and other people's behavioural, physical, social and welfare needs.
2. Comply with the Council's policies and procedures including (but not limited to) safeguarding, financial regulations, promotion of equalities, customer care, agreed audit actions and health and safety (ensuring that reasonable care is taken at all times for the health, safety and welfare of yourself and other persons).

3. Carry out any other duties which fall within the broad spirit, scope and purpose of this job description and which are commensurate with the grade of the post.

This job description reflects the major tasks to be carried out by the post holder and identifies a level of responsibility at which they will be required to work. In the interests of effective working, the major tasks may be reviewed from time to time to reflect changing needs and circumstances. Such reviews and any consequential changes will be carried out in consultation with the post holder.

Person Specification

JOB TITLE: Senior Finance Business Partner	Essential (E)	Desirable (D)
EDUCATION, QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING		
CCAB Qualified or Qualified by experience (or recognised professional accounting qualification)	E	
Be committed to and have evidence of ongoing professional development as required by the membership of their professional body	E	
Appropriate Management Qualification		D
KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE		
Knowledge and experience of the preparation of the annual accounts closedown process, including the production of the Statement of Accounts.	E	
Proven staff leadership and management experience	E	
Proven experience in the areas of Financial Planning, Control and Reporting	E	
Experience in the development of Financial Processes	E	
Evidence of developing and delivering financial training to officers and members	E	
Proven experience of communicating effectively with professional and technical finance staff and operational managers. Ability to negotiate and influence at a high level	E	
Understanding of how local government works, including the specific complexities of local government finance, and the major influences and challenges it faces	E	
Have up to date knowledge of accounting policy such as IFRS, CIPFA codes of practice and Taxation and be able to interpret and apply as required.	E	
Experience of working at a professional level within a local government organisation		D
Demonstrate direct experience of working in partnership with private, public, and voluntary organisations		D
ABILITY AND SKILLS		
Able to lead, inspire and motivate a range of employees and generate a positive working environment	E	
Ability to analyse and address complex issues including the need to deliver different support to different service elements.	E	

Ability to apply innovative and creative thinking to complex service challenges	E	
Committed to corporate and collegiate working across the services of North Northants	E	
Enthusiastic, not easily deterred and able to convey enthusiasm to others	E	
Demonstrate the ability to communicate, both written and oral, complex financial issues to non-financial managers, senior managers and external organisations	E	
Well-developed IT skills (spreadsheet, PowerPoint, general ledger packages including reporting)	E	
Good technical finance accounting skills and have the ability to communicate these to non-technical audiences	E	
Ability to work with others to reach a common goal	E	
Ability to provide professional leadership to colleagues	E	
Ability to maintain high levels of performance under changing conditions, tasks, responsibilities, or people	E	
Ability to plan and organise time and resources to ensure that deadlines and agreed targets are met with minimum supervision	E	
Ability to constantly review and improve processes and information for budget managers and senior management to aid decision making	E	
Experience of delivering training to small and large groups of people		D
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS		
Ability to travel to all areas of the County		D