

Role Profile

Part A - Grade & Structure Information

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| Job Family Code | 7BF | Role Title | Customer Services Officer |
| Grade | PS7 | Reports to (role title) | Customer & Licensing Support Team Leader |
| | | Directorate | Environment, Transport & Infrastructure |
| JE Band | 228-268 | Service | Highways & Transport |
| | | Team | HO Customer & Licensing Support 1/HO Customer & Licensing Support 2 - delete as appropriate |
| | | Date Role Profile created | May-17 |

Part B - Job Family Description

The below profile describes the general nature of work performed at this level as set out in the job family. It is not intended to be a detailed list of all duties and responsibilities which may be required. The role will be further defined by annual objectives, which will be developed with the role holder. The Council reserves the right to review and amend the job families on a regular basis.

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| Role Purpose including key outputs | <p>To provide excellent customer service, administrative and financial support for the Customer Service and Information Team.</p> <p>To support the Customer Service & Information Manager in the planning, development and achievement of Corporate Objectives in respect of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer services; • Business planning; • Financial monitoring; • Performance and resource management; • Personnel management; and • Administrative functions. <p>The Customer Service Officer will take the lead in handling all contact on behalf of Surrey Highways including enquiries, complaints and Freedom of Information requests and ensuring accurate record keeping.</p> |
| Work Context | <p>The Customer Service & Information Team are responsible for managing a range of varied tasks. Excellent organisational management skills are needed to achieve the team's objectives of high quality service delivery, improved public accessibility, and customer care. The team leads in delivering the Corporate Directorate engagement strategy and the challenge of opening up the accessibility of our services to all of our customers, particularly through e-service strategies.</p> <p>The team also plays a major part in assisting the Management Team in regular and specific reviews of systems, processes, procedures and staffing structures and plays a key role in business planning by ensuring that all human and material resources are managed effectively and efficiently.</p> <p>Regular contacts include close working with local County Members, other services within Environment & Infrastructure and across the County Council. Others include regular enquiries from the public, local MPs; Parish Councils; District Councils; Primary Care Trusts; Local Businesses and other community organisations</p> |
| Line management responsibility if applicable | N/A |
| Budget responsibility if applicable | N/A |

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| <p>Representative Accountabilities Typical accountabilities in roles at this level in this job family</p> | <p>Analysis, Reporting & Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare reports/statistics/briefings to meet statutory/management information requirements. • Recommend improvements and support implementation to systems, processes and procedures, ensuring best practice is shared across the team. <p>Customer Service & Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a range of administrative and/or customer/consultancy services in support of existing systems or processes to agreed standards, to maximise service quality and continuity. May authorise transactions where appropriate. • Respond to and resolve enquiries and problems, judging when to pass on complex queries or involve others, to provide an effective service and clear advice to colleagues and customers. <p>Planning & Organising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide comprehensive support to a group of senior staff, ensuring confidentiality, effectively organising internal and external activities/events to support the delivery of efficient services. • Plan and prioritise own work activities for the weeks ahead, to ensure operational efficiency. Respond effectively to changing demands, adjusting priorities as needed. <p>Finance/Resource Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain financial, and/or stock records, and review data to contribute to resource planning. <p>Work with others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a network of contacts, drawing on support and advice from others to resolve problems. • Communicate and liaise with service users and/or external contacts, representing the team/service as required. • Support, coordinate and undertake research into a variety of projects in the defined area of activity to support achievement of team's objectives. <p>People Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May guide and/or supervise junior staff in their duties to facilitate their development and ensure service quality standards are maintained. <p>Duties for all Values: To uphold the values and behaviours of the organisation. Equality & Diversity: To work inclusively, with a diverse range of stakeholders and promote equality of opportunity. Health, Safety & Welfare: To maintain high standards of Health, Safety and Welfare at work and take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others.</p> |
| <p>Education, Knowledge, Skills & Abilities, Experience and Personal Characteristics</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educated to A level or equivalent, or able to evidence ability at an equivalent level. • Relevant HR, Management, business administration or financial qualification to NVQ Level 3, or able to evidence knowledge and understanding of relevant disciplines. Willingness to study for a relevant professional qualification if appropriate. • For some roles a relevant degree may be required. • Good IT skills. • Ability to work with others to improve customer service. • Good written and oral communication skills with the ability to build sound relationships with customers to improve customer service. • High level administrative/organisational and analytical skills. • Able to prioritise and plan own workload in the context of conflicting priorities and work on own initiative. • A methodical approach to information gathering, recording and reporting. • Previous relevant work experience. • Experience of maintaining and improving business/ database systems/secretarial processes and systems (as appropriate). |
| <p>Details of the specific qualifications and/or experience if required for the role in line with the above description</p> | |
| <p>Role Summary</p> | <p>Roles at this level provide a comprehensive business support service in a defined service or functional area, or provide specialist support services. Many will possess technical rather than professional expertise in the main disciplines, or have substantial experience of administrative procedures to enable them to guide and advise others. There will be minimal day-to-day supervision, but clear guidance is available. The roles will plan for the weeks ahead and prioritise to accommodate non standard work. They often require understanding of complex procedures and support systems, and the ability to allocate workload and react to changing priorities. Although most work will follow established patterns, initiative is needed to handle processes and resolve problems and queries based on experience and judgement, mainly without reference to others. These roles may work alone instead of as part of a team, or the system or process used may require specialist knowledge or experience. Some roles involve supervision of staff, others involve undertaking specialist functions or the provision of a broad comprehensive business admin services.</p> |
| <p>Reference Number</p> | <p>BM-2022-140</p> |