

Role Profile

Part A - Grade & Structure Information

Job Family Code	8BF	Role Title	Finance Advisor
Grade	PS8	Reports to (role title)	Area Finance Manager
		Directorate	Adult Social Care
JE Band	269-313	Service	
		Team	
		Date Role Profile was created	Sep-16

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.

Role Purpose including key outputs	Lead, develop and supervise a small team of Finance Assistants to contribute to the comprehensive financial support of the finance function to a Personal Care and Support locality team. Work collaboratively within the finance function to provide co-ordinated, flexible and comprehensive financial support across the service.
Work Context	The Finance Advisor will assist the Area Finance Manager in all areas of financial management in the locality service. The post holder will work with managers across the service and in central finance to ensure budgets are controlled effectively and all financial transactions are carried out accurately and in accordance with Surrey County Council regulations and government legislation. The post holder will be part of the locality finance team, reporting to the Area Finance Manager and will oversee the work of a small team of finance assistants.
Line management responsibility if applicable	Supervises no more than 5 Financial Assistants.
Budget responsibility if applicable	The post holder is part of a team that provides accountancy services relating to budgets of up to or in excess of £100m.

<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 and analyse management information, including financial reports / project plans, recommending actions as appropriate. • Maintain, develop and review business support systems, processes and procedures to secure a quality, cost effective service and continuous improvement. <p>Customer Service & Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a range of specialist services advising and assisting customers in area of expertise, to maximise service quality, efficiency and continuity. • Maintains knowledge of the organisation's current systems, policies and procedures. • Resolve issues/queries independently, recommend alternative solutions if unable to assist, and ensure efficient, day-to-day customer service is delivered. <p>Planning & Organising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor service objectives and standards within own area of work to ensure effective service delivery. • Plan and prioritise own work activities for the months 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"> • Assist budget/resource management in accordance with the council policies and procedures. • Maintains, develops and reviews financial support systems, processes and procedures. <p>Work with others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise, communicate and build relationships with other internal departments, customers, partner organisations, agencies and/or contractors to support and represent the team/service. • Undertake and coordinate projects and reviews in a defined area of activity to support and enhance service delivery. <p>People Management</p> <p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage staff, allocating and prioritising their work and manage performance to secure efficient service delivery. • Oversee the work of others as the most experienced team member. <p>And/Or:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate as an individual maintaining and improving operational efficiency and quality of service of own area. • May be recognised as the main point of contact for a particular specialised process, system or procedure or for a senior member of the council staff. <p>Duties for all</p> <p>Values: To uphold the values and behaviours of the organisation.</p> <p>Equality & Diversity: To work inclusively, with a diverse range of stakeholders and promote equality of opportunity</p>
<p>Education, Knowledge, Skills & Abilities, Experience and Personal Characteristics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educated to 'A' level standard, or able to evidence ability at an equivalent level. • Professional business qualification to NVQ Level 3, or able to evidence knowledge and understanding of appropriate business disciplines; Willingness to study for a relevant professional qualification if appropriate. • For some roles a relevant degree may be required. • Excellent IT skills. • Excellent written and oral communication skills with the ability to build sound relationships with customers, adapting styles to different situations. • High level administrative/organisational and analytical skills. • Ability to manage a range of projects through to completion. • Effective interpersonal, influencing and negotiation skills. • Practical experience and understanding of business supporting service teams and/or providing support to the public (where appropriate). • Experience of leading a team (where appropriate).

<p>Details of the specific qualifications and/or experience if required for the role in line with the above description</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCSE's, AAT qualified or equivalent level of experience ● Undertaking AAT ● Professional business qualification, or able to evidence knowledge and experience in a relevant finance discipline. ● Knowledge and experience of SAP or other computerised financial systems. ● Knowledge and understanding of (public sector) accounting best practice. ● Experience of basic accounting and book keeping and an understanding of the relationship between accounting entries within the structure of corporate accounting systems. ● Some experience of working within a financial management environment
<p>Role Summary</p>	<p>Roles at this level may manage a straightforward operational activity or small team, provide specialist support services or they may be in the second year of a professional career development role. They have in-depth knowledge of methods, systems and procedures and possess practical understanding in one or more disciplines, for example finance, HR, facilities, procurement. They are often process 'experts' seeking to deliver maximum efficiency within a defined process. A thorough knowledge of their own area or discipline is required although overall supervision from a more experienced professional is in place. They work collaboratively with customers, staff, partner organisations, agencies and/or contractors and play a major role in maintaining quality standards and/or engaging in project management.</p>

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