Directorate: Service area:	Resources Legal and Democratic
Accountable to:	Tier 4A Delivery Lead Corporate Legal
Politically restricted post	Yes
Delivery teams:	Employment
Job Title:	Team Lead Senior Solicitor Employment
Grade:	Hay F

Context

You will play an active role as part of our service team working in partnership with our Legal Service Management Team and colleagues to innovate our service delivery capabilities.

You will support the Service Manager, Delivery Leads and other Team Leads in achieving our organisational vision and outcomes.

You will manage your team to meet the outcomes of the service delivery plan. You will develop and maintain good working relationships with our range of key stakeholders including statutory partners, service providers, voluntary sector and customers internally and externally.

Specific role assignment

Delivery responsibilities	To co-ordinate and manage caseload of high value and complex Employment legal work and operate at a senior solicitor level in all aspects of service delivery, applying sound judgement in reaching decisions and leading by example.
	Prepare reports, statements and any other written material required in connection with the Council's or external clients' legal work

- 3. Provide accurate, succinct and timely legal advice, representation and support to Officers and Members of the Council, and external clients, on employment legal work as required and with a commercial/strategic insight and approach.
- 4. Support the Strategy & Commissioning Manager, the Delivery Leads and other Team Leaders in all aspects of the Legal Service as required, including in leading, developing and supervising the Team and supporting and substituting for other members of the service in carrying out their duties
- 5. Support the effective operation and management of Legal Services, including the delivery, maintenance and development of effective case, performance and quality management systems and other business and administrative systems.
- Support Legal Services' revenue and client growth ambitions, build strong working client relationships and keep improving the legal services offer.
- 7. Manage and supervise your team and associated staff, provide professional supervision and conduct regular 1:1 meetings, appraisals, file reviews and other management support as may be required. Lead the employment and pensions legal work for the Service, providing advice, representation and support in relation to:
 - Strategic and operational employment law matters concerning employers and their workforce
 - Casework/advisory employment law matters concerning public sector employers and their workforce
 - Tribunal advocacy
 - Negotiated settlements
 - Marketing and business development of the Service
- 8. Advise, represent and support in relation to employment law and generally as required.

Specific experience	Minimum of 5 years' experience of employment law including Employment Tribunal work or (in an exceptional case) a shorter period in a senior
Statutory responsibilities (if applicable)	None
Key business measures	
	The Strategy & Commissioning Manager Legal and Democratic, AD Governance and Policy or their nominated representative may revise the work undertaken by the post-holder after discussion with them and they must be prepared to change and develop the role to suit the needs of the Service.
	14. Ensure personal and Team compliance with Council policies and procedures, and client practices, as may be applicable.
	13. Lead the Team on developing and sharing legal know-how with clients.
	12. Advisor to the Local Government Pension Scheme Fund as required.
	11. Build and maintain effective relationships with key clients and be accountable for the quality and level of services provided to them. Lead the Legal Services relationship with the Council's HR service including with the Strategy and Commissioning and Delivery Leads for HR and OD.
	10. Maintain and develop sound knowledge of the law and procedure relevant to practice areas.
	 Represent Legal Services at Council and other relevant partner and client meetings in a professional and competent manner where required to do so.

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	employment role which provides comparable experience
	Experience of giving business-focussed advice/acting as an adviser to employers
	Ability to work unsupervised across all areas of employment law and to provide leadership to others
	Ability to analyse complex issues, assess risks and find solutions with a commercial and strategic approach
	Ability to focus on client objectives and add value, giving clear and incisive advice
	Ability to be a first rate communicator and advocate
	Ability to draft effective legal documents with precision and accuracy
	To be versatile and a quick learner
	To react fast and well to the urgent and unexpected
	To be personable and generate confidence
	To be a team player
	To be trustworthy, ethical and a good time manager
Specific qualifications/and registration	Fully qualified solicitor or barrister with current practicing certificate
Budget responsibility	None
FTE responsibility (line management)	Up to 5
Key stakeholder relationships	Colleagues within Legal and Democratic AD Governance and Policy Senior Leadership Team and Corporate Board Members External Clients Internal Clients Counsel and external providers

Generic capabilities of the role

Generic Capability	Descriptor
Business Acumen	 Deliver in year service plan (1 year) Effective contract and supplier management Meet budget, savings and income targets

- Contribute to the operational planning of the service with the commissioning team
- Ensure effective contract management arrangements are in place
- Manage costs down, deliver savings and income targets (as applicable)

Generic Capability	Descriptor
Performance & standards	 Statutory compliance Professional practice Procedure compliance

- Execute the statutory or regulatory duties that are in place and delivered across the team
- Ensure the safe operation of the business and compliance with appropriate regulations and legislation.
- Execute the relevant policies and procedures to ensure the outcomes are delivered.

Generic Capability	Descriptor
Operational management	 Deliver operational performance objectives Manage the workforce Deliver continuous improvement plans

- Meet the service key business measures for the service
- Manage costs down through operational improvement
- Manage and allocate resources to meet key business measures
- Use data and insight to improve service performance

Generic leadership competencies

Capability	Descriptor
People Management	Workforce developmentWorkforce planning

- Recruit and ensure effective onboarding of team members
- Retain and attract the required capabilities of the team through effective talent management
- Set and deliver stretching performance objectives
- Undertake annual appraisals with the team
- Undertake regular 1:1 sessions throughout the year to review performance against objectives

Manage and support teams through organisational change

Capability	Descriptor
Management of resources & planning	 Monitors the service performance framework Effective service design

- Plan, task, deploy and co-ordinate resources to meet changing operational needs as required
- Monitor, plan and review team outcomes ensuring delivery of personal and team objectives
- Hold regular meetings to inform teams of plans, priorities, budgets and expected outcomes
- Identify the capacity of the delivery team through effective workforce planning.
- Develop and implement integrated working across teams

Capability	Descriptor
Organisational leadership & resilience	 Deals with performance issues Maintains business continuity Role model of how we work principles

- Maintain business continuity in the event of service disruption
- Effectively addresses performance issues within the team
- Enable the team to work in a high performance culture
- Act and operate corporately across WCC adopting the one council approach
- Act as a positive role model for WCC's values and behaviours at all times
- Represent the interests of the Council on external bodies and networks

WCC values and behaviours

The post holder must be able to demonstrate that they role model the WCC values and behaviours.

Our Values - The Warwickshire DNA







Collaborative



Customer focused



Accountable



Trustworthy

Our Behaviours

Delivery / Team Lead (Tier 4)













Strategy... the direction we will take to achieve our outcomes



Plan... what we will do to achieve the strategy



Commissioning...the process of how we will plan, purchase and monitor our services



Strategic Commissioning... the process for understanding, planning and delivering services to achieve the best outcomes



Operational Commissioning... the process for meeting need at an individual level or to a specific group



Delivery..providing services to our customers

