# Neath Port Talbot Castell-nedd Port Talbot County Borough Council Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol

# **AGENDA**

# SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

10.00 AM - FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

# MULTI-LOCATION MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS/ COUNCIL CHAMBER, PORT TALBOT

- Declarations of Interest
- 2. Head of Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture Job Description and Person Specification "For Information" (Pages 3 10)
- 3. Head of Housing and Communities Job Description and Person Specification "For Information" (Pages 11 18)
- 4. Access to Meetings
  To resolve to exclude the public for the following item pursuant to
  Section 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, and
  Paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

### Part 2

- 5. Longlisting for the position of Head of Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture (Pages 19 290)
- 6. Longlisting for the position of Head of Housing and Communities (Pages 291 394)

# K.Jones Chief Executive

Civic Centre Port Talbot

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

# **Committee Membership:**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S.A.Knoyle

Vice Councillor A.J.Richards

**Chairperson:** 

Members: Councillors C.Galsworthy, M.Harvey, J.Hurley,

R.G.Jones, C.Phillips, R.Phillips, S.Pursey,

S.H.Reynolds.

Invited Voting Members: Cllr. N. Jenkins and Cllr A. Llewelyn

### **Job Description**

### Head of Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture

Responsible to: Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning

### **JOB PURPOSE:**

- 1. As a member of the Council's Corporate Management Team, to contribute to the corporate leadership of the Council, ensuring the achievement of the Council's key objectives and strategies.
- 2. Provide strategic and inspiring leadership to the Council as a whole developing the Council's strategy for leisure tourism, heritage and culture to deliver on the Council's purpose, vision and strategic objectives as detailed in the Corporate Plan 2022-27.
- 3. Ensure that leisure, tourism, heritage and culture services are both provided and commissioned to meet statutory requirements and to achieve the highest possible standards of service delivery and constantly scrutinise and monitor performance to ensure the best possible outcomes for residents. To work with external and internal stakeholders to leverage investment that will make NPT an attractive place for people to live, work, learn and spend recreational time.
- To establish effective working relationships with portfolio holders, Cabinet and other Elected Members in developing and implementing the Council's corporate and service objectives for the people of Neath Port Talbot.
- **5.** To maximise opportunities through international, national, regional and local collaboration and service integration to deliver a sustainable and positive impact for current and future generations.

### **SERVICE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **PORTFOLIO LEAD:**

- To be the corporate lead officer responsible for the following functions: leisure, tourism, heritage and culture strategy; indoor and outdoor leisure services; libraries, archives, country parks, theatres, events, Aberavon Seafront and other visitor destinations, parks, PASS, corporate income generation and commercialisation strategy.
- 2. Work across the Council and with external partners to ensure the Council's strategic ambition set out in its corporate plan is fulfilled.
- 3. Set the strategic direction for Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture in collaboration with internal and external partners.
- 4. Develop the Council's commercial strategy with a specific focus on drawing in investment and generating income to fund the Council's leisure, tourism, heritage and culture ambitions.

- 5. Work with external partners to develop pride of place across Neath Port Talbot, conserving and bringing to life the county borough's heritage and culture.
- 6. Develop relationships with funders to maximise investment in the conservation and promotion of heritage and culture.
- 7. Work with minority groups and wider stakeholders to ensure the contribution of all people to the heritage and culture of the county borough is fully recognised, appreciated and promoted.
- 8. Co-ordinate the Council's strategic and operational work to further develop its key visitor attractions, maximising the potential of these attractions to support the wellbeing of residents and to contribute to economic growth.
- 9. Ensure the effective transfer of services provided by Celtic Leisure back under the Council's management and control. Create a viable business plan to place these services on a financially sustainable footing which minimises the burden on the council tax-payer.

#### LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:

- 10. To ensure that accountable managers are aware of their Health and Safety Responsibilities and that mechanisms are in place across services to deliver health and safety requirements.
- 11. To meet the Council's statutory obligations under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 by putting in place and keeping 'fit for purpose' business continuity plans.
- 12. To provide clear and visible leadership to all staff within the Division so as to establish and deliver clear strategies and programmes for service improvement
- 13. To provide personal leadership in ensuring high levels of motivation amongst all staff within the Division and actively encourage a culture of openness
- 14. To work with other members of the Council's Senior Management Team and contribute to Authority-wide policy, decision making and project management.

### **CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING:**

- 15. To sustain by personal example the ethos of partnership working that characterises the Council's relationships with other service providers and the housing and voluntary sectors, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.
- 16. To liaise and work with other agencies/partners and services across the Council to meet service objectives and maximise service delivery

### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT/FORWARD FINANCIAL PLANNING:

- 17. To ensure cost-effective, higher quality services by effective challenge and on-going support
- 18. To implement and keep under annual review the Council's Forward Financial Plan, including rolling forward the Plan on an annual basis and annual budget routines, taking account of Welsh Assembly Government financial projections and the Council's priorities
- 19. To maximise external investment in the communities of NPT and services within the portfolio.

### CHANGE MANAGEMENT, TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION:

20. To champion the management of change and effective corporate and collaborative working

### **OTHER KEY PRIORITIES:**

- 21. To proactively implement the Council's Strategic Equality Scheme and Welsh Language Standards
- 22. To ensure that good governance principles are followed in respect of the Division's actions and services
- 23. To represent the Council and its interests on such external bodies as may be appropriate.
- 24. To cultivate a culture of "continuous learning" across the Division, open communication and the personal development of individuals

### OTHER:

- 25. To undertake other related duties and responsibilities as they arise, including deputising for the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning, as appropriate
- 26. The ability to speak Welsh is desirable

This is an outline description of the job as it presently stands. The job description will be examined periodically and updated to ensure that it relates to the job as then being performed, or to incorporate whatever changes are proposed by the authority. Any such changes will be subject to consultation with the post holder. It will be the Authority's aim to reach agreement to reasonable change. However, if agreement is not possible, the Authority reserves the right to insist on changes, following consultation.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION AGREED BY:**

Employee			
Date			

Line Manager <sub>.</sub>			

Date

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELLNEDD PORT TALBOT

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

# Person Specification –Head of Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture

### Introduction

The purpose of this document is to enable you, as a candidate, to consider whether or not you have the attributes, which are required for appointment to this post. Please note that this document indicates those attributes that are considered to be **essential** to undertake the duties and responsibilities of this post and those that are merely **desirable**. If you do not possess any of the attributes that are **desirable**, this does not mean that you will not be considered for interview or subsequent appointment.

SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL/ DESIRABLE	EVALUATION METHOD
<b>Qualifications and Experience</b>		
Degree or equivalent	ESSENTIAL	Application form, assessment centre and
A relevant professional qualification	<b>ESSENTIAL</b>	interview
A relevant management qualification or relevant experience	ESSENTIAL	
Aptitude, Skills and Knowledge  The ability to keep track of and interpret national and other major developments in so far as they might impact upon the work of the Council and/or its partner organisations and to present these to Corporate Directors and Elected members in a timely, balanced and effective manner in order to maximise the capacity of the Council to lead events rather than react to them	ESSENTIAL	
Ability to give sound and firm advice to senior officers and Elected Members on leisure, tourism, heritage and culture	ESSENTIAL	

strategy to secure the best means of achieving the Council's objectives.  Thorough and up to date understanding of legislation, statutory obligations and public sector issues which affect the provision and delivery of a quality service.	ESSENTIAL	
Ability to follow through on solutions / decisions until closure or resolution to ensure that are understood and implemented by others.  Develop effective commercial strategies to attract investment into the county borough	ESSENTIAL  ESSENTIAL	
A commitment to the Council's vision and core values, with the ability to work corporately in a complex changing environment and prioritise and manage current and future resources effectively, in accordance with Elected Members' wishes, and the Council's forward financial plan	ESSENTIAL	
The ability to provide inspirational leadership and motivate people at all levels within and outside the organisation and foster a positive organisational culture	ESSENTIAL	
The ability to manage organisational change, using creative and modern approaches to engaging and upskilling the workforce and wider stakeholders benefit services, people and communities in a practical way	ESSENTIAL	
Able to demonstrate high level strategic planning, financial and people management skills with sound knowledge of the operational imperatives in delivering safe and effective services	ESSENTIAL	
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The ability to take a personal role in leading and sustaining effective partnerships, working with a wide range of people and organisations	ESSENTIAL
A high degree of political awareness and sensitivity and an ability to command respect, trust and confidence in working with all councillors, staff, partner organisations, other bodies and communities	ESSENTIAL
The ability to establish a strong performance culture, including effective individual performance and to evaluate individual and service quality, so as to deliver best value and service improvements linked to service priorities	ESSENTIAL
Sensitivity to the needs of the media and sustaining the reputation of the Council	ESSENTIAL
Exceptional listening, communication and negotiation skills, including the ability to relate to people in an open and persuasive manner, both inside and outside the Council and to build trusting relationships	
Equal Opportunities	
A clear understanding of equal opportunities and a personal commitment to proactively promote the Council's service delivery and employment equal opportunities policies as well as demonstrating a commitment to the Council' Welsh language objectives	ESSENTIAL
Personal Attributes	
Personal resilience and energy and the ability to work to tight time-scales	ESSENTIAL
High motivation with an innovative, creative approach to problem solving and delivering change	ESSENTIAL

A high degree of personal probity, honesty and integrity and commitment to the values of public service	ESSENTIAL	
An empowering style, valuing the contributions of others, with a personal commitment to encouraging continuous learning and a "can do" outlook	ESSENTIAL	
The ability to take difficult decisions when required to manage conflict positively	ESSENTIAL	
Ability to travel throughout the County Borough area and more widely for work purposes	ESSENTIAL	
The ability to work outside normal office hours when required in a range of formal and less formal settings	ESSENTIAL	
Other Requirements		
The ability to speak Welsh	DESIRABLE	



### **Job Description**

### **Head of Housing and Communities**

Responsible to: Director of Social Services, Health and Housing

### **JOB PURPOSE:**

- 1. As a member of the Council's Corporate Management Team, to contribute to the corporate leadership of the Council, ensuring the achievement of the Council's key objectives and strategies.
- 2. Provide strategic and inspiring leadership to the Council as a whole developing the Council's strategy for housing and community development to deliver on the Council's purpose, vision and strategic objectives as detailed in the Corporate Plan 2022-27.
- 3. Ensure that housing and community development services are both provided and commissioned to meet statutory requirements and to achieve the highest possible standards of service delivery and constantly scrutinise and monitor performance to ensure the best possible outcomes for residents. To work with external and internal stakeholders to leverage investment that will make NPT an attractive place for people to live, work, learn and spend recreational time.
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- **5.** To maximise opportunities through international, national, regional and local collaboration and service integration to deliver a sustainable and positive impact for current and future generations.

### SERVICE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

### **PORTFOLIO LEAD:**

- To be the corporate lead officer responsible for the following functions: Strategic Housing, Housing Needs, Homelessness, Housing Support Grant/Supporting People, Housing Renewals and Adaptations; Wellbeing; Poverty; Community Development, Community Safety, Substance Misuse; Community Hubs, Community Cohesion, Vulnerable People Relocation Scheme and; other refugee and asylum seeker programmes;
- To lead on shaping and refining the vision for the County Borough's housing strategy objectives through partnerships and enabling, and to communicate and promote this vision, working with the Planning, Regeneration, Property, Economic Development, Housing Options and Social Services teams to ensure the strategic objectives are delivered.
- 3. To lead Neath Port Talbot's strategic housing approach, and facilitating the provision of affordable housing in the area to meet housing need.

- 4. To develop a detailed Housing Strategy with key stakeholders, to include a rigorous assessment of local housing markets, housing need and housing demand across all tenures.
- 5. To facilitate an active partnership with planning, regeneration, economic development and private sector housing teams within the authority, and with housing associations and developers. Acting as the lead for the County Borough in terms of facilitating placemaking and housing supply, including s106 delivery set out in the Local Development Plan (LDP), and land led development.
- 6. To lead on developing effective and collaborative partnerships with housing associations to ensure that social housing grant, and other resources, are invested to develop new social housing and low cost home ownership schemes. Working in partnership to get more homes built and to share risk, resources, skills and capacity.
- 7. To take an overview of specialist housing such as supported housing and care schemes, working with commissioners who commission support for a range of client groups to ensure the housing and support needs of the more vulnerable members of the community are met.
- 8. To work with the Housing Options team to find housing based solutions for homeless people reflecting the Welsh Government's guidance to reduce temporary housing and to develop permanent homes and move-on from supported housing.
- 9. To use planning powers to ensure that housing developers assist with the provision of affordable private housing, meeting the Council's strategic plans for location, tenure, numbers, sustainability and design.
- 10. To support the Council's empty homes strategies to ensure that existing homes can be brought into use to meet housing needs and to promote vibrant communities.
- 11. To develop policies and initiatives to support the improvement of private housing stock in the area, ensuring standards are raised. Improve partnerships with the private rented sector to support private landlords to meet housing need.
- 12.To monitor and report on agreed project objectives and Key Performance Indicators to ensure progress to delivery is tracked in a transparent and accountable manner.
- 13. To work with Welsh Government and its agencies to influence, agree and implement plans of investment that contribute to the achievement of the council's ambitions.
- 14. To act as an interface with the key stakeholders and partners to ensure that the objectives set out within the Housing Strategy and other key strategic agreements, are delivered. Work with partner organisations to review best practice and measure the impact of the initiatives underway in order to understand how to resolve challenges, provide effective services and maximise the impact of limited resources.
- 15.To work corporately to capitalise on opportunities, using the council's assets to stimulate innovative solutions to the county borough's housing challenge.

- 16. To lead the Council's work in the field of community safety and community cohesion, ensuring that the whole of the Council embraces the need to consider how we can prevent and reduce crime and disorder across all of the Council's functions.
- 17. To be the Chief Executive's representative in the Council's work with community safety and community cohesion partners locally, regionally and nationally. This will include sharing leadership of the local and regional community safety, CONTEST, Substance Misuse and related partnerships.
- 18. To lead the development of the Council's work on poverty and wellbeing.

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### NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELLNEDD PORT TALBOT

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

### Person Specification –Head of Housing and Community Development

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Degree or equivalent	ESSENTIAL	Application form, assessment centre and
RTPI, Chartered Institute of Housing or RICS membership	DESIRABLE	interview
An appropriate management qualification or demonstrable experience	ESSENTIAL	
Work Experience & Skills:		
Experience of working in a housing strategy and enabling role	ESSENTIAL	
Significant senior management experience in a local authority working across a range of diverse services (particularly housing).	ESSENTIAL	
Considerable proven experience of engaging with stakeholders and partners to drive improvement for communities and/or business.	ESSENTIAL	
Experience of working corporately on organisation-wide priorities.	ESSENTIAL	

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Significant strategic and operational	ESSENTIAL
experience managing and achieving	
service delivery and performance.	
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Experience of working with or in	
housing associations, in particular	
their development services.	
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Experience of managing significant	
resources to achieve outcomes.	
Experience managing service	ESSENTIAL
delivery transformation across	
people, finance, systems, processes,	
relationships and resources.	
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	ESSENTIAL
Experience of leading staff and	
services in a time of change by being	
flexible, creative, responsive and	
high performing.	
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Experience of developing innovative	
service models, working within a	
commissioning approach.	
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In depth knowledge around	
organisational design, change and	
transformation to improve efficiency	
and effectiveness.	
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Evidence of a deep understanding of	
the current legislation, regulatory	
requirements, and wider practice in	
relation to housing.	
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community cohesion at a strategic	
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Experienced at managing refugee	
and asylum seeker programmes	
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The ability to take difficult decisions when required to manage conflict positively	ESSENTIAL	
Ability to travel throughout the County Borough area and more widely for work purposes	ESSENTIAL	
The ability to work outside normal office hours when required in a range of formal and less formal settings – hybrid working will apply to this post	ESSENTIAL a	
Other Requirements		
The ability to speak Welsh	DESIRABLE	
Enhanced DBS and SC clearance is required for aspects of this role.	ESSENTIAL	



# Agenda Item 5

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.



## Agenda Item 6

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