

Senior Environmental Health Officer (SEHO)/Principal Technical Officer (PTO)

The Senior EHO/Principal Technical Officer will lead and be the first line manager of a small team of professional and technical staff. The primary role of this team is to act as technical consultants to Planning colleagues and other teams with the council. The main fields covered by the team are Air Quality, Contaminated Land and Noise.

This role is within the Pollution and Noise Control team, leading the Majors and Project Support team. This team will be concerned with supporting both the Environmental Health Service and our Planning, Major Transport and Housing Growth services to deliver on the Council's ambitious new Local and Corporate Plans.

The SEHO/PTO will lead the team who will be responsible for responding to planning consultations, reviewing complex specialist reports, processing pre-application enquiries, attending meetings and committees, providing expert technical advice on projects and development proposals to colleagues within the council and the private sector. The SEHO/PTO will be expected to take a leading role in the more complex work (larger developments with significant technical considerations) and overseeing the work of the team on day to day matters, ensuring targets/deadlines are met, and producing/editing technical guidance for the team/wider colleagues as required.

The SEHO/PTO will support the Pollution and Noise Control team leader to ensure that the Service is providing highly professional and technically accurate support and advice. The SEHO/PTO will ensure that quality is maintained, performance is monitored and that training and development of staff (both within the Majors and Project Support Team, the wider Pollution and Noise Team and Planning colleagues- (where appropriate)) is kept current and up to date.

There will be an expectation that members of the team and the SEHO will be working regularly from the individual services we support so we are providing direct on hand and immediate advice. To that end, the successful candidate will be likely to be working in a number of different offices/locations across the council. This being said, at the moment due to the current Coronavirus situation, most staff within Environmental Health are currently working at home.

The successful candidate will also be expected to take part in occasional out of hours/weekend work for the wider team. This could be as part of the out of hour's Environmental Health standby rota or the summer Night Time Noise Team.