

Senior Climate Change Officer

Grade 13

Job Category

Kirklees Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and have set a district-wide target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2038. The Council has commenced this journey with a series of ambitious 'Phase 1' projects and has now developed a programme as part of its next step to deliver its net zero and climate ready target.

The Senior Climate Change Officer is a key senior role in the Energy and Climate Change team and will support the Energy and Climate Change Group Leader in delivering on corporately and political high-profile targets and action plans. The Council is seeking an extensively experienced, proactive, and passionate individual, committed to addressing the climate emergency and managing a diverse high-performing team of officers with varied areas of focus.

Role Description

Your work will focus on tackling the climate crisis by working across the Council to help develop and deliver the Climate Emergency Programme. This will include managing a team of officers across the Energy & Climate Change Team, supporting the Group Leader in the development and implementation of the programme, and building and maintaining highly effective working relationships and representing the Council with key stakeholders across the service team and other Council services and partners

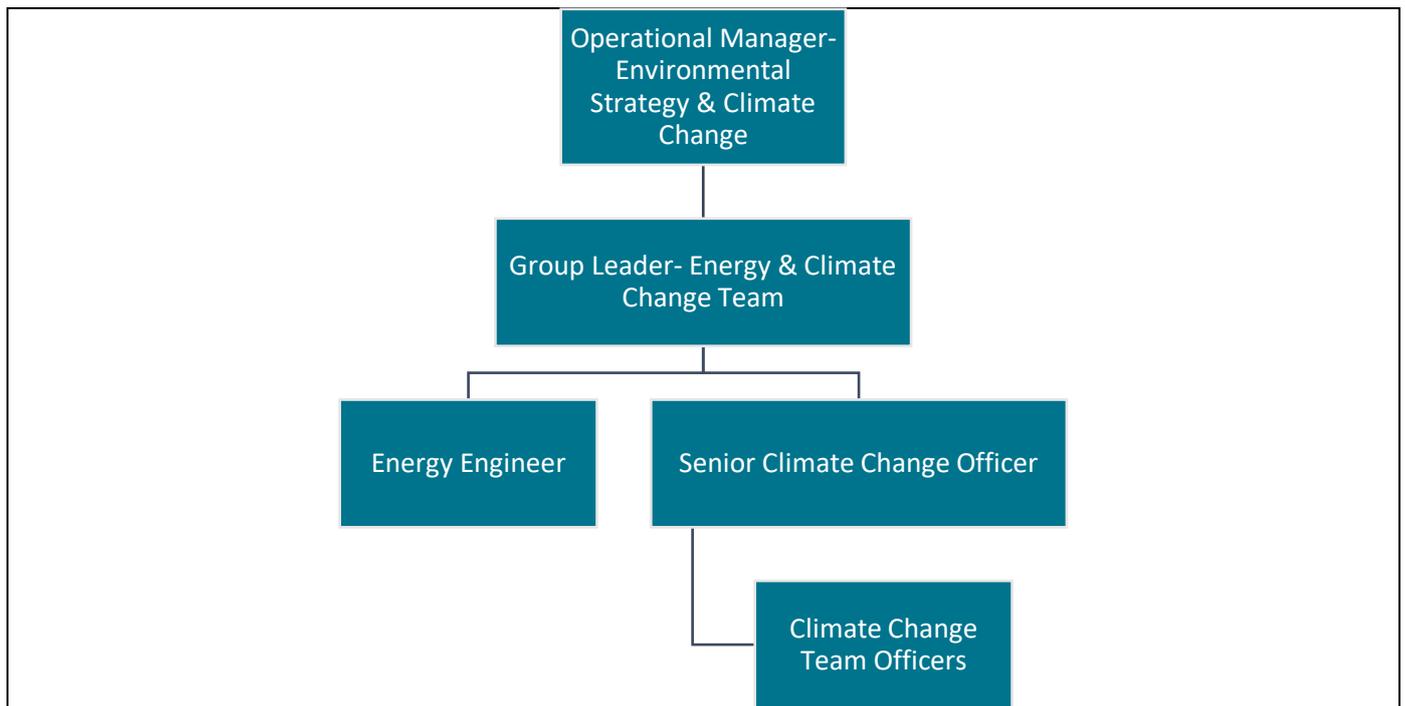
You will lead a team of officers and support first hand in the development and delivery of climate emergency, energy and carbon reduction projects and plans and have the technical knowledge, behaviours, and skills to facilitate successful outcomes, supported by a strong understanding of organisation and corporate policies, local authority governance and politics. This includes helping to accelerate delivery by ensuring that programmes/projects are managed effectively and consistently, including their scope, objectives/outcomes, risks/issues, dependencies and ensure that benefits and outcomes are effectively tracked and delivered.

As the Senior Climate Change Officer, you will take an active role in promoting Kirklees Councils position on tackling the climate emergency by providing specialist input on how to address climate change and embed sustainability principles. You will also act as a subject matter expert with a need to demonstrate excellent analytical, organisational and communication skills including the data analysis, monitoring, and reporting requirements associated with climate change and the carbon reduction agenda. You will be responsible for analysing and interpreting long term strategies related to the areas of Energy, Climate Change and Sustainability. You will be required to be the subject matter specialist within depth knowledge of national policy, legislation and guidance and will provide briefings, technical advice and responses to Local Plans, strategic planning applications, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, and other relevant consultations

Coupled with this will be the need to provide intelligence and strategic guidance on climate change issues and projects to ensure other services and Directorates continue to work effectively and deliver shared outcomes.

The role involves working in a fast-paced environment and have experience of managing a high workload and meeting challenging deadlines, whilst supporting staff, communicating to a variety of stakeholders, and dealing with limited to no instruction for complex situation and HR requirements.

Position of job in organisational structure



Employee Specification

Knowledge, qualifications, skills and experience	Shortlisting criteria
5 years' experience successfully leading complex projects and multi-agency partner programmes of work including Climate Change Action Planning and Strategy development	Essential
A MSc degree in areas specifically related to Environmental, Climate Change and Sustainability	Essential
Member/Practitioner level membership in the Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) or similar professional body	Essential
Experience of working in, or with, local government in an environmental or sustainability role with proven experience of working collaboratively with stakeholders and extensive partnership working	



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Advanced specialist knowledge and professional understanding in environmental / sustainability specifically in the Environmental field of Climate Change including knowledge of sustainable development issues, legislation, policy and climate change mitigation and adaptation.	Essential
Excellent organisational skills and ability to prioritise and work independently with the ability to work well under pressure of deadlines.	Essential
Financial skills including experience of sourcing and preparing bids to secure third-party funding and managing schemes.	Essential
Ability to research, produce and prepare a range of reports in understandable ways to a variety of audiences.	Essential
Proven ability to use HR, IT and Microsoft office packages to produce reports and analysis.	Essential
Ability to effectively manage staff and direct activity to support and monitor the achievement of objectives.	Essential
Experience of awareness campaigns and undertaking promotional activity.	Essential

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Job Category	Environment & Climate Change	Grading ID	
Job ID		Last Updated	
Job Focus		Career Progression	

Contractual Variants

DBS Category	No	DBS Type	No
Health Check	No	Politically Restricted	No
24/7 working	No	Public Holidays	No
Night Working	No	Alternating Pattern	No
Standby	No	Other	
HR Checked			