



Cumberland Council

Post Specification

Date	February 2024
Post Group Number	8149
Post Title	Senior Procurement and Contracts Officer
Job Family	Organisational Support
Job Family Role Profile	OS11
Final Grade	Grade 11

To be read in conjunction with the job family role profile

Service Area description

Procurement and Contract Management (and Commissioning of traditional corporate Goods and Services) for the following areas:

Posts will work across a range of the following areas:

- **Adults:** Mental health, specialised services, learning disability, physical disability, equipment services, carers, homecare, residential care, extra care, supported living, ISF & DP's, day services, night services
- **Children and young people:** Learning disability, physical disability, education, mental health, transitions, services for LAC, young carers, SEND
- **Public Health: Sexual health, substance misuse and NHS health check services** (Adults with learning disabilities and mental health)
- **Economy and Highways Services:** Capital Programmes and Property; Highways; Fleet; Economy and Environment and wide range of Transport contracts (Children's and Older Adults)
- **Resources and Transformation:** ICT; Legal; Finance; Utilities; Furniture; Travel & Accommodation; PPE; Food; Car Hire; Stationery and Cleaning products

Purpose of this post

To support the Procurement & Contract Managers and the wider Unit team, to deliver an effective and efficient complex corporate programme of tender exercises on behalf of the County Council, in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015, The Procurement Act 2023, NHS Provider Selection Regime 2023 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules; the Sustainable Procurement Strategy and the Council Plan objectives relating to such activities for both Statutory and non Statutory services.

To support in the planning, review delivery of high quality, effective contract management and reporting processes to ensure contract compliance, value for money, achievement of specified targets and monitoring of positive outcomes for service users. This includes financial monitoring (e.g. to achieve monetary rebates, identify savings and ensure accuracy of associated systems) and monitoring against KPI's and contract outputs.

Key job specific accountabilities

1. To provide effective advice, guidance, co-ordination and support across both the Council directorates & their partners, regarding procurement and contract management activities on a broad range of contracts.

2. Have an indepth knowledge of relevant legislation/procedures to make recommendations in relation to the route to market for procurements and provide effective guidance in relation to the procurement of RFQ's, low value tenders and fully regulated contracts ; ensure that both low and high risk procured services are properly and robustly monitored and contract managed, and that specified targets relating to outputs and outcomes are achieved and reported on at key stages (to Unit Management and Directorate Leads), through contract management processes, including action planning; provide analysis as determined by the manager. This includes to be responsible for all aspects of tendering, in accordance with the Procurement/Commissioning Cycle, and tendering administration,(including use of the electronic tendering portal) and publication of legally required contract notices for above threshold contracts in accordance with procurement law.
3. Carry out robust monitoring of KPI's/critical success factors and compliance checks (to include site visits where appropriate) in order to undertake quality assurance activities and monitor performance. To develop, operate, maintain and review appropriate quality management systems and procedures related to the monitoring of services to ensure that contracts are operating effectively and they are achieving specific outputs and outcomes. To maintain effective and successful relationships with operational colleagues (external and internal), and to record, monitor and escalate concerns, when necessary, in relation to the performance of the contract.
4. To develop, assess and maintain the multiple supplier chains; to work closely with contract providers to develop productive working relationships; to inform, advise and support commissioning teams to develop the local provider market. To maintain effective close working relationships with internal teams such as Legal, Social Workers, Engineers, Finance and service leads, throughout the council.
5. Take direction from manager and then take the lead for the commissioning activity for a range of Corporate Goods/Services contracts (including identifying the business needs; conducting effective market research and supply chain management to aid the development of the business case, and approval to procure procedures) To work closely with stakeholders, service area Leads, suppliers and legal to develop and improve specifications and effective KPI's which ensure robust monitoring and management of contracts.
6. Ensure E-Procurement catalogues/prices are up to date/renewed and advise the Business Support team of any changes in a timely fashion.

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Key facts and figures of the post

Budget Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Staff Management Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice and guidance to Managers, Colleagues and Partners

Essential Criteria - Qualifications, knowledge, experience and expertise

The Following are required in addition to the general role profile description attributes:

- Minimum NVQ level 3 in Procurement/Supply Chain Management or relevant discipline, and/or significant experience in a similar environment.
- Has an indepth knowledge of working under legislation in this area
- Experience in tendering and contract management processes legal terms and conditions; writing service specifications, identification of KPI's (to meet strategic and corporate

objectives) and the application of Risk Management/mitigations prior to and during the tender process, and the subsequent contract monitoring regimes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant knowledge of tendering and contract management processes within a statutory organisation and their practical implementation. • Knowledge and/or experience in the application of the procurement/commissioning cycle. 	
Disclosure and Barring Service – DBS Checks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This post does not require a DBS check. 	
Job working circumstances	
Emotional Demands	Minimal
Physical Demands	Normal
Working Conditions	Normal
Other Factors	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be able to attend meetings beyond the workplace with customers/partners/suppliers 	