



Job Description

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Pateley Bridge Town Council

Overall Responsibilities

The Clerk to the Council will be the Proper Officer of the Council and as such is under a statutory duty to carry out all the functions, and in particular to serve or issue all the notifications required by law of a local authority's Proper Officer. The Clerk will be totally responsible for ensuring that the instructions of the Council in connection with its function as a Local Authority are carried out. The Clerk is expected to advise the Council on, and assist in the formation of, overall policies to be followed in respect of the Authority's activities and in particular to produce all the information required for making effective decisions and to implement constructively all decisions. The person appointed will be accountable to the Council for the effective management of all its resources and will report to them as and when required. The Clerk will be the Responsible Financial Officer and responsible for all financial records of the Council and the careful administration of its finances.

Specific Responsibilities

1. To ensure that statutory and other provisions governing or affecting the running of the Council are observed.
2. To monitor and balance the Council's accounts and prepare records for audit purposes and VAT.
3. To ensure that the Council's obligations for Risk Assessment are properly met.
4. To prepare, in consultation with appropriate members, agendas for meetings of the Council and Committees.
5. To attend such meetings and prepare minutes for approval.
6. To attend all meetings of the Council and of its committees.
7. To receive correspondence and documents on behalf of the Council and to deal with the correspondence or documents or bring them to the Council's attention.
8. To issue correspondence following instructions of, or the known policy of the Council.
9. To receive and report on invoices for goods and services to be paid for by the Council and to ensure such accounts are met.

10. To issue invoices on behalf of the Council for goods and services and to ensure payment is received.
11. To study reports and other data on activities of the Council and on matters bearing on those activities. Where appropriate, to discuss such matters with administrators and specialists in particular fields and to produce reports for circulation and discussion by the Council.
12. To draw up both on his/her own initiative and as a result of suggestions by Councillors proposals for consideration by the Council and to advise on practicability and likely effects of specific courses of action.
13. To monitor the implemented policies of the Council to ensure they are achieving the desired result and where appropriate suggest modifications.
14. To act as the representative of the Council as required.
15. To issue notices and prepare agendas and minutes for the Annual Assembly and the Annual Meeting of the Council.
16. To attend the Annual Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Council and to implement the decisions made at these that are agreed by the Council.
17. To maintain and administer the Mayor's diary.
18. To arrange, in conjunction with the Mayor, the annual Civic Service and Reception.
19. To administer and audit the Mayor's Charity Fund.
20. To file the Annual Return for the Pateley Bridge Millennium Green Trust with the Charity Commission.
21. To arrange any fundraising events, under the direction of the Mayor's Fund Committee, for the Mayor's Charity Fund.
22. To prepare, in consultation with the Chairman, press releases about the activities or decisions of the Council.
23. To prepare, in consultation with the Chairman, the Council newsletter.
24. To maintain and update the Council website using the site administration section.
25. To act as administrator on the Council's social media sites and to update them on a regular basis.
26. To attend training courses or seminars on the work and role of the Clerk as required by the Council.
27. To continue to acquire the necessary professional knowledge required for the efficient management of the affairs of the Council.

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