

Strategic Transport Lead

Salary: £39,880 - £43,857

37 hours per week

Fixed term until March 2023

The Role

To prepare, develop and implement elements of the Portsmouth Transport Strategy, including the strategic overview of the exciting South East Hampshire Rapid Transit project. This will comprise of the development and integration of complementary policies and development of future phases working in close partnership with partners.

Reporting into the Transport Planning Manager, you will be responsible for:

- Developing the Portsmouth complementary policies for the South East Hampshire Rapid Transport project, integrating them with the Portsmouth Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan. Regularly report updates and progress to the South East Hampshire Rapid Transit partnership group and board.
- Developing the South East Hampshire Rapid Transit proposals for Portsmouth, identifying future funding opportunities and leading on bid/grants where applicable, to support key Portsmouth priorities.
- Take a lead role in working with other local authorities across the South Hampshire area and other external partners and operators as required, in order to progress the South East Hampshire Rapid Transit proposals for Portsmouth.
- Think in innovative ways to develop strategies and provide technical transport planning advice to internal and external clients as required.
- Project management of large scale and/or complex transport schemes and proposals, including Portsmouth Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan schemes. Monitor the outcome of the interventions and schemes, and make recommendations for the future.
- Respond to and deal with transport planning queries raised by members of the public, MPs, Councillors and other stakeholders.
- Building on existing relationships with elected members and key decisions makers, act as both an influencer to assist in the determination of transport priorities, and a conduit to articulate technical and sensitive decisions to a range of audiences.
- Cultivate your own networks across government and industry with the aim of advancing the provision of transport and air quality in Portsmouth.
- Remain up to date and compliant with all relevant guidance and legislation, organisational procedures, policies and professional codes of conduct in order to uphold standards of best practice. Additionally, to assist the team to remain up to date and compliant.

- Advise and guide Transport Planners by providing technical expertise and experience in solving more complicated problems. You will act as a role model and take on some responsibility for supervising work of others on particular projects and providing training.

Who is the person?

You need to have/be:

- Relevant degree level education OR demonstrable equivalent professional experience is essential.
- Membership of a professional body is desirable.
- Previous line management and mentoring experience is desirable.
- Able to build credible working relationships, build rapport and negotiate with and influence others. Able to develop positive partnership ways of working, with a range of stakeholders, partners and operators.
- Communicates messages (which may be complicated or sensitive) clearly, concisely and at a level appropriate to the audience, who may not be specialists in transport planning.
- Has the proven ability to represent the service with direction at highly challenging internal/ external meetings, with integrity and confidence.
- Demonstrates high levels of verbal communication and reasoning, putting forward persuasive and compelling arguments; to establish solutions which draw on the bigger picture view of transport.
- Able to make connections between disparate issues, and creatively combine solutions to solve multiple problems.
- Well-developed project delivery skills, including skills for coordination, liaison and the ability to plan and monitor project plans in order to achieve major projects on time and within budget.
- Excellent writing skills including the ability to write clear, basic and appropriate information for reports, articles and briefing papers including technical and Cabinet reports where necessary.
- Experience of developing transport bids for grant and funding opportunities.
- Able to work independently and proactively, along with the ability to prioritise. Able to make decisions and think through complex and conflicting issues. Able to manage competing priorities.
- Required to have a team player ethos.
- Keep up-to-date with best practice in the profession, seeking innovative approaches to transport issues and developing best practice solutions.
- An excellent working knowledge of Microsoft applications and general IT skills.
- The ability to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post.

**Closing time/date, midnight on 20th April 2021.
Applications received after this may not be considered.**

If applying as an internal secondment you will need permission from your current line manager releasing you for this secondment. Please state you have this on your application form.

How to apply: Please see attached documents at the bottom of the Job page and ensure you fully read and follow the guidance so you fully demonstrate how you meet the points on the job profile. **PLEASE DO NOT JUST SUBMIT A CV.**

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