Job Description

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| **Job Title** | Tree Inspector |
| **Grade** | Band H |
| **Reporting To** | Tree Risk Management Coordinator |
| **JD Ref** | OPS0033G |

Purpose

Carry out cyclical safety inspections of trees within the Councils estate. To carry out the cyclical inventory and to be diagnostic regarding pests, diseases, and structural defects for all trees across the estate.

Main Duties And Responsibilities

**Behavioural:**

* Enjoy, achieve, create impact, and thrive in the role and organisation.
* Live our values in the role and organisation.
* An effective team worker with a can-do, enthusiastic work ethic.

**Tree Risk Management Service Specific duties & responsibilities:**

* Working closely with the tree officers to ensure that the Councils tree population is in a safe and stable condition through regular cyclical inspections.
* Recording the trees attributes and making recommendations for remedial and maintenance works.
* Contribute to the development and review of tree management polices and strategies.
* Be aware of the limitations of the annual tree works budget when specifying tree works, consideration to be given to staggering tree works when it is safe to do so.
* Implementation of the tree strategy and other environmentally focused strategies including Cool 2 by identifying potential planting sites and being an advocate for correct tree management and afforestation.

**Communication, Engagement and Training:**

* Supporting local tree wardens and local friends / amenity groups.
* Sympathetically communicate often contentious tree maintenance interventions with concerned local residents and interest groups.
* Work effectively with the rest of the tree team and attend the monthly WTOG (Wirral tree officers group) meetings.
* Support and attend team briefings and team meetings, contributing to an open and honest work environment.

**Data Analysis and Decision-Making:**

* Monitor for quality assurance purposes the quality of tree works across the council’s estate.
* Be vigilant and report any urgent tree related safety matters through to contractors and the appropriate officer.
* Contribute to the delivery of the afforestation targets set out in the tree strategy by identifying and assessing potential planting sites.
* Contribute to the development of departmental and corporate policies and programmes, including the implementation of specific projects where required.
* Ensure that appropriate systems are in place to comply with appropriate British and European standards and to discharge the Council’s obligations.
* Responsible for public safety during the structural assessment of trees in publicly accessible areas.
* Contribute to the design and implementation of improvement projects, leading as necessary on those relating to trees and ensuring that such are undertaken on time and within budget work.
* Produce complex reports for management.

**Compliance:**

* Adhere to and comply with all relevant corporate policies and procedures including Health & Safety, General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Corporate Governance and Code of Conduct.

**Other:**

* Any other duties commensurate with the grade.

Role Specific Knowledge, Experience And Skills

**Qualifications**

* NVQ level 4 in arboriculture.
* Full clean driving licence.

**Knowledge & Skills**

* Working knowledge of BS 3998 – Recommendations for tree works.
* Tree identification skills.
* Tree pests and disease.
* Good communication skills, both oral and written.
* Able to communicate Wirral Council values and standards to residents, sponsors and stakeholders.
* Ability to multitask, prioritise workload and meet deadlines.
* Understand why trees, the environment, wildlife, education, health & wellbeing are important to people’s lives and be able to ‘champion’ the cause.
* *Desirable - Knowledge of bat and protected species legislation*

**Experience**

* Experience of using tree inventory systems
* Experience of using geographical information systems
* Self-motivated and proven experience of ability to work with little supervision.

**Desirable**

* Experience of working in local government.

Additional Information

* Ability to travel across the Borough and work from various locations.
* On occasion, able to work outside traditional hours, of a weekend and evening as required, adopting a flexible working approach in response to business requirements.

**Health & Safety Considerations:**

* Lone working
* Working outside
* Work with VDUs (Video Display Unit) (>5hrs per week)
* Driving duties

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