



Job description			
Job title	SENIOR LAND AND PROPERTY SOLICITOR/LAWYER (COMMERCIAL AND PROPERTY TEAM)		
Grade	PMG 1 – 3 (Career Graded)		
Directorate	Resources		
Service/team	Legal Services		
Accountable to	Head of Legal Services		
Responsible for	Land and Property Solicitors and Legal Assistants		
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Purpose of the Job

As a Senior Solicitor/Lawyer you will provide a high quality legal service to Elected Members and Council Officers around land, property and development, and support the delivery of Knowsley's biggest regeneration programmes. Your contribution will assist to support the delivery of Knowsley's Council plan .

This role is an amazing opportunity to play a key role in driving forward the development and offer within legal services and a real opportunity to improve Knowsley as a place.

To be successful in this role you will need to demonstrate how you meet the criteria below at application & interview stage. As this is a career graded post the grade the criteria is appropriate to is shown. For PMG1 you'll need to show your experience against the PMG1 criteria, for PMG2 you'll need to show your experience against PMG1 and PMG2 criteria. For PMG3 you will need to show your experience against PMG1, PMG2 and PMG3. Please indicate in your application which level you are applying for. Once in post you will have the opportunity to progress through PMG1-3 as you build your experience.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is not a comprehensive list of all the tasks, which may be required of the post holder. It is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken.

PMG 1



- Act as the key legal representative for the client departments you support, providing advice, guidance, and support to ensure an efficient legal service.
- Deliver clear, constructive, and practical legal advice when required.
- Direct, support, and supervise the work of fee earners in the Land and Property team, including allocating work, checking quality, and offering peer support.
- Provide legal support to the Corporate Management Team and Elected Members.
- Attend and advise at Council, Board, and Partnership meetings, building relationships to achieve shared goals.
- Ensure accurate and up-to-date legal records are maintained.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with client departments, including regular performance reviews and customer satisfaction checks.
- Support the development of client practice through training and guidance at both strategic and operational levels.
- Contribute as a member of the Legal Services Management Team, acting as a role model and investing in the development of others.

PMG2

- Build organisational capability by coaching, providing feedback, and sharing best practice to develop staff within Legal Services and client departments.
- Manage and resolve complex legal issues, actively mitigating risk and reporting to the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer when necessary.
- Act as a trusted advisor to client departments, helping to create high-performing teams that deliver effective solutions.
- Champion corporate objectives while identifying and delivering legal interventions that improve service efficiency and effectiveness, using strong influencing and negotiation skills.
- Maintain and strengthen relationships with external partners—such as courts, neighbouring authorities, and external legal advisors—to support the Council's priorities.



PMG3

- Represent the Council in courts and tribunals, providing expert legal advice on technical legislation, including JCT and related matters.
- Lead strategic projects across the Council and work effectively with local and national partners to deliver change.
- Identify opportunities to transform services, applying modern legal best practice to drive improvement.
- Engage with partners at local and national levels—including Government agencies—to stay informed on emerging legislation and policy affecting property and commercial services.
- Represent the Council at public and partnership meetings, ensuring visibility and promoting the Council's interests on property and commercial matters.

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Health and Safety

- To use equipment as instructed and trained.
- To inform management of any health and safety issues which could place individuals at risk.

Data Protection and Information Security

- Implement and act in accordance with the Information Security Acceptable Use Policy, Data Protection Policy and GDPR.



- Protect the Council's information assets from unauthorised access, disclosure, modification, destruction or interference.
- Report actual or potential security incidents.

As a senior officer, you will be expected to support the Council's emergency preparedness, response, and recovery arrangements; this may include, but is not restricted to, participation in appropriate training and exercises, participation in our emergency duty officer rota, and attending Strategic and/or Tactical and/or Recovery Coordinating Groups with our multi-agency partners.