



Children, Young People and Education

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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for showing an interest in this post, I am writing to provide some wider information which I hope you will take into consideration when deciding whether or not to apply.

The Education Division in the Children's and Young People's Services Directorate delivers a wide range of services, from ensuring we have sufficient early years and school places (including an involvement in the building of new schools and other capital projects), through to adult education provided by the Community Learning Service. We run a wide range of projects, including with nationally recognised bodies such as the Education Endowment Fund and Charlton Athletic Community Trust to raise standards of education and regularly meet with Ofsted and the DfE. Following a recent decision by Full Council, Special Educational Needs is now being integrated into the Division.

The range and scope of the portfolio means that we actively work with many teams and colleagues across KCC and beyond (for example, health partners, schools, FE colleges and Universities), as well as with a variety of Members alongside the Cabinet Member for Education and SEN.

This is an important post, supporting the success of the Division. The work can be intense as much of what we do is time critical and high profile, however it is also really interesting and provides an insight to the range of work of the Council. The job can be quite pressured sometimes, however we work in a friendly and supportive way, focusing on solutions. If you are looking for a job that is going to stretch you and require your best, develop your understanding of the work of the Council and enable you to establish professional relationships across the organisation, either as a next step or as a steppingstone to something else, I really encourage you to consider applying for this post.

With all best wishes

Christine McInnes
Director of Education