

Kent County Council

Job Description: Area Technical Services Officer

Directorate:	Deputy Chief Executive's Department
Unit/Section:	Infrastructure
Grade:	KR9
Responsible to:	Area Technical Services Lead

Purpose of the Job:

Responsible for providing technical support as part of the Area Technical Services Team and wider Hard Services Facilities Management team. The role will be required to support with monitoring and delivery of Hard FM services, Schools and other Third-Party contractors ensuring planned and reactive maintenance activities are completed on time and to the required standards. The role will manage the customer interface with internal and external stakeholders

Main duties and responsibilities:

1. Responsible for reviewing, assessing technical works specifications and quotes ensuring accuracy and value of money in accordance with spending the Councils moneys, the post holder role will have the autonomy to authorise and manage quotes and works up to an agreed authorised limit.
2. Responsible for the management of responses to complex queries or escalations from Directorates, building users, and other agencies and teams, investigating and instructing appropriate actions to address issues where possible.
3. Responsible for monitoring the performance of the Hard FM contractors, Schools and Third-Party contractors by completing routine site and desktop audits to ensure agreed performance levels are being met and making recommendations on areas where improvements can be made.
4. Responsible for reviewing KPI relief from deduction requests in line with the Contract and providing a suitable response including the acceptance or refusal of the request.
5. Responsible for liaising with Third Party Contractors to agree scope of works for repairs while driving value for money, demanding quality and the implementation of safe systems of work to ensure works are completed in a timely manner, to agreed standards in line with KCCs policies and procedures.
6. Responsible for ensuring the applicable handover documents are received and reviewed on project completion to support the Change Control Notice process to ensure successful onboarding of new assets and applicable services are provided through contract arrangements.

7. Raise awareness of statutory compliance for technical services and the required actions associated with compliance, to ensure mitigation of risk across KCC and customers' estate this includes providing training for services to support the KCC policy.
8. Manage the Document Control process for works completed by Third Party contractors ensuring KCC records are up to date, accessible and demonstrate compliance and support with invoice approvals and payments.
9. Responsible for delivering a customer centric approach and displaying customer focused, professional and empathetic behaviour. Provide excellent service putting the customer at the heart of every aspect of the work.
10. Responsible for stimulating an environment for innovation with opportunities to plan new interventions that will drive and proactively embrace new ways of working. Consistently looking at the current way of working to see how this can be improved.

Footnote: This job description is provided to assist the job holder to know what their main duties are. It may be amended from time to time without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of post.

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Person Specification: *Area Technical Services Officer*

The following outlines the criteria for this post. Applicants who have a disability and who meet the criteria will be shortlisted.

Applicants should describe in their application how they meet these criteria.

	CRITERIA
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 4 Qualification in Business Administration/construction/engineering or building management. • Recognised national qualification in Health and Safety, e.g., IOSH or NEBOSH
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in Facilities Management contracts or Building Management • Experience of contract monitoring and administration • Experience of working in a fast-paced customer focused environment • Experience of a one team approach and working collaboratively within a wider team • Experience of partnership working within a public sector or other relevant settings at different levels.
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention to detail and ability to remain “solutions focussed”. • Able to work in a fast-paced role, dealing with varied queries/tasks and taking responsibility to solve problems within a management framework. • Excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to adapt the communication style to suit different audiences. • Excellent standard of computer literacy including Excel and Financial systems • Able to work on own initiative or as part of a team, taking responsibility for actions and decisions surrounding areas of accountability. • Full UK Driving License – The Council is committed to making reasonable adjustments so whilst this job requires the jobholder to drive your application will still be considered if you are unable to drive due to a disability.
KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of education environment, Facilities/ Building Management industry, • Supply chains and facilities management
KENT VALUES AND CULTURAL ATTRIBUTES	<p>Kent Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are brave. We do the right thing, we accept and offer challenge • We are curious to innovate and improve • We are compassionate, understanding and respectful to all • We are strong together by sharing knowledge

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are all responsible for the difference we make <p>Our values enable us to build a culture that is:</p> <p>Flexible/agile - willing to take (calculated) risks and want people that are flexible and agile</p> <p>Curious - constantly learning and evolving</p> <p>Compassionate and Inclusive - compassionate, understanding and respectful to all</p> <p>Working Together - building and delivering for the best interests of Kent</p> <p>Empowering - Our people take accountability for their decisions and actions</p> <p>Externally Focused - Residents, families and communities at the heart of decision making</p>
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