



BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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# Recruitment Policy

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This policy is to ensure that the individuals responsible for recruitment and selection always hire and promote the most appropriate applicant or employee in a fair and consistent manner free from discrimination.
- 1.2 It is our policy to look to fill any open position by internal promotion or transfer wherever possible. All applicants will be assessed objectively on their merits in accordance with our Equality and Diversity Policy. Any person involved in the selection and interview processes who have a conflict of interest should declare it immediately to their manager/supervisor.

## **2. Advertisement**

- 2.1 Brackley Town Council will ensure that they use a variety of media to reach a broad cross-section of potential applicants and must include the following points.
  - the job title
  - the salary or pay scale
  - any significant benefits applicable to the position
  - any minimum qualifications for the position
  - any particular skills and/or experience required for the position
  - any typical features of the position (e.g. part-time, fixed-term, outside UK etc)
  - the closing date for applications.

Care will be taken to avoid specifying requirements for the position which are potentially discriminatory either directly or indirectly.

## **3. Job Description**

- 3.1 Where we use job descriptions to assist in the drafting of a job advert, we will ensure the details incorporated are concise and relevant to the job role being advertised.
- 3.2 Where personnel specifications are used along with the job advert only those details which are relevant such as essential or desirable knowledge, skills and experience will be included.

## **4. Applications**

- 4.1 Application forms will seek only information which is necessary for the selection process.

At each stage of the process, applicants will be kept informed and should expect to be told the following:

- When they can expect to hear whether their application is to be progressed to the next stage of the recruitment process
  - What the next stage will involve.
- 4.2 Decisions taken to either reject or accept an application will be checked and approved by the Deputy Clerk before they are communicated to the applicant.

4.3 Written offers of employment/engagement will be made subject to two satisfactory references.

## **5 Selection Tests**

Where tests are used in the recruitment process, they will be checked by the Deputy Town Clerk to ensure:

- They are free from any discriminatory element
- The test is directly relevant for the position being interviewed for.

## **6 Prior To The Interview**

6.1 Prior to the interview, the criteria for the position should be identified.

6.2 Criteria that isn't relevant should be avoided.

## **7 Interview**

7.1 The interview will be conducted by at least two members of staff and thorough notes taken.

7.2 All questions asked will be directly relevant to one or more of the selection criteria that have been identified for the position.

7.3 No assumptions will be made nor will questions about the applicant's personal circumstances be asked.

7.4 Once the interview has taken place and the decision has been made, we will contact the successful individual and arrange the start date for the position.

7.5 If at any point during the recruitment process, any issues arise then you should report your concerns to the Town Clerk who will review your concerns.

## **8 Internal Recruitment**

8.1 It is important that we recruit people that are suitable for the position and who will deliver a high standard of service to our clients. We take the recruitment, development and promotion of our staff seriously and we do this by following a fair and non-discriminatory process.

8.2 Any opportunities for promotion will be advised and open to all members of staff and if you feel you have the skills and experience to bring to the role then we welcome your application and any questions that you may have.

## **9 Making the Appointment**

9.1 Upon selection of a suitable candidate, the Deputy Town Clerk will contact the successful candidate and make an offer by telephone initially.

9.2 An offer of employment letter will be sent out once the position has been accepted, subject to references.

9.3 A contract of employment containing the written statement of main terms and conditions of employment will be provided for signature within 8 weeks of commencement in post in line with employment law.

## **10 References**

10.1 All offers are subject to two satisfactory references, a check on relevant qualifications and eligibility to work in the UK where applicable.

10.2 References will ideally come from current and/or previous employers, if applicable. If the references are not satisfactory, the offer may be revoked.

## **11 Induction**

11.1 Induction of new employees will start as soon as a candidate accepts a position.

11.2 All new starters will receive a timetable for their successful induction into their role and the council.

## **12 Probation**

Probation periods will be set out in contracts of employment in line with the NJC National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service. The standard position is 3 months.

## **13 GDPR Privacy Notice for Job Applicants**

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we have implemented a privacy notice to inform you, as prospective employees of Brackley Town Council, of the types of data we process about you. We also include within this notice the reasons for processing your data, the lawful basis that permits us to process it, how long we keep your data for and your rights regarding your data.

The privacy notice can be found on our website at [www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk](http://www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk)