# **Newcastle City Council**



# **Job Description**

**Post Title:** Senior Solicitor/Barrister/Property Lawyer (Team Manager)

(AA2789)

**Evaluation:** 697 Points **Grade:** N11

Responsible to: Assistant Director Legal Services

Responsible for: Staff as allocated

**Job Purpose:** To manage a team of legal staff to ensure the effective

provision of legal advice, support and representation to the

Council and associated bodies.

**Main Duties:** The following is typical of the duties the postholder will be expected

to perform. It is not necessarily exhaustive and other duties of a

similar nature and level may be required from time to time.

### **Principal Accountabilities:**

## Corporate

- 1. To provide comprehensive legal advice, support, assistance and representation as required.
- 2. To collaborate with the Assistant Director Legal Services as appropriate to support the delivery of the Council's aims and objectives.
- 3. To support the development and implementation of corporate policy and strategy as appropriate.
- 4. (a) To advocate before the Courts, Inquiries and Tribunals as required (Senior Solicitor/Barrister only)
  - (b) To undertake high level commercial conveyancing work (Senior Property Lawyer only)
- 5. To participate in or lead corporate or directorate projects, assignments or initiatives as required.

#### **Directorate**

- 6. To manage any designated staff, budget and related activities in order to meet service and financial objectives.
- 7. To contribute to the development of the service; including participating in forward planning and objective setting activities.
- 8. To develop and maintain positive and collaborative working relationships with Members, Directors, Assistant Directors, Heads of Service and relevant

- directorate staff as required, and to provide all appropriate legal advice and assistance to such persons.
- 9. To prepare any appropriate legal documentation, correspondence and reports.
- 10. To promote and implement the Council's Equality Policy in all aspects of employment and service delivery.

### **External**

- 11. To liaise as required or appropriate with external professional staff.
- 12. To represent the Council on external bodies and at external meetings as required