

## **OVERVIEW OF JOB ROLE: Policy Planning Programme Manager**

### **BACKGROUND**

Be First is a pioneering urban regeneration company wholly owned by, but operating independently of, the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBD). Its mission is to accelerate growth and capitalise on the borough's position as London's hottest investment and development opportunity.

We are a developer and property consultancy, and provide planning and other statutory functions for LBBD. We also work with commercial partners who share our core values of delivering high quality development which benefits local people. The financial return that we generate is reinvested back into providing key council services.

The Planning & Building Control Team has undergone significant transformational change, with the intention of delivering a commercially astute, pragmatic and professional planning super service. This key, senior role sits within Infrastructure, Transport & Planning Policy, and is an exciting opportunity for an experienced planner to lead and deliver the full range of planning policy work on behalf of LBBD, with a heavy forward-looking and strategic focus.

### **KEY REQUIREMENTS: DUTIES**

Key responsibilities will be (but are not limited to):

- **Putting in place planning policy tools that shape and deliver the Borough's development and regeneration objectives including taking the new Local Plan through to adoption, as well as mechanisms like Article 4 Directions, Local Development Orders, masterplan SPDs (etc).**
- **Overseeing team responsible for CIL/S106 controls, production of the IDS and monitoring of development delivery producing corporate and statutory reports.**
- **Overseeing and developing our policy capabilities around sustainability, heritage, biodiversity and climate change.**
- **Managing a complex workload alongside leading team of c. 6 plus consultants, plus support to senior colleagues.**
- **Preparation and potentially giving of evidence to Examinations in Public and at planning appeals, plus providing policy advice including representations to policy / legislation.**
- **Engaging with colleagues, Members, internal and external stakeholders and the public.**

### **KEY REQUIREMENTS: ATTRIBUTES**

Ideally, we are looking for an individual who is / can:

- **Contribute to a results-orientated working culture that embraces a 'right first time' approach.**
- **Confident and professional, with excellent communication skills and strong leadership skills.**
- **Proactive self-starter who takes the initiative and can prioritise.**
- **RTPI member and has significant planning policy experience (public or private sector).**
- **Passion for using policy levers to support the Borough's ambitious objectives.**
- **Demonstrate strategic thinking and the impact this has on shaping future outcomes.**
- **IT literate.**

### **JOB SALARY**



Competitive salary plus company benefits including pension and eligibility for performance related bonus.

***Please submit a covering letter and CV to [Kirsty.Forbes@befirst.London](mailto:Kirsty.Forbes@befirst.London) by January 26 2021***