



Fareham Borough Council Post

Post title: Strategic Environmental Planning Officer

Starting salary: £46,003 plus essential car allowance

37 hours per week

The Partnership

The Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) is a public sector partnership, working on behalf of 11 local authorities in conjunction with the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) across the Solent area. We take pride in our work by valuing and focusing on priorities that will help to facilitate and enable economic growth for the benefit of all residents in the Solent. There is a particular focus at the moment on sustainable housing delivery within South Hampshire.

PfSH is a partnership of the unitary authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton; Hampshire County Council and the district authorities of Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester. PfSH, in collaboration with local partners and government agencies, continues to work to deliver sustainable, economic-led growth and regeneration to create a more prosperous, attractive and sustainable South Hampshire, which offers a better quality of life for all who live, work and spend their leisure time in the sub region. Much of this requires extensive collaboration with partner agencies. More information on PfSH is available at www.push.gov.uk

What is the role?

This is a temporary 12-month role focusing on resolutions to the nutrient neutrality issues for PfSH authorities and to establish a pilot sub-regional mitigation scheme administered through PfSH.

Your duties will include:

- Identifying land within the relevant geography that would best serve as mitigation land. Using existing datasets on Local Ecological Network, Flood Risk management to identify target areas of the sub region (or beyond) where offsetting land would bring wider benefits
- Speaking to landowners and identifying costs of management change
- Quantifying nitrate credits available for developers to offset their schemes, using latest Natural England methodology or other as appropriate
- Working with PfSH steering group to devise a credit allocation protocol based on factors including the identified scale of nitrate credit shortfall per local

authority, likelihood of LPAs having other offsetting schemes available to their developers

- Administering mitigation via the PfSH steering group to maximise other on-site benefits (e.g. woodland planting, biodiversity net gain and open space/public access requirements)
- Data capture and management
- Progress reporting to a steering group
- Preparing an evidence report recommending further refinements to the scheme to encompass other environmental mitigation requirements such as Nature Recovery Strategies, Environmental Net Gain
- Producing and presenting reports to the Water Quality Working Group, Planning Officers Group and to Joint Committee
- Active membership of the Water Quality Working Group.

Who is the person?

It is important to us that;

- You are a qualified planner with demonstrable experience in a relevant planning role at a senior level
- You have significant environmental knowledge, including a sound understanding of the Habitats Regulations
- You are an excellent project manager – able to drive solutions, be innovative, and work independently. You are driven to succeed and will show a commitment to finding a strategic solution
- You display sound decision-making skills and can identify and analyse issues, identify alternative courses of action and take risk based decisions with the minimum of supervision
- You are an excellent communicator and negotiator, particularly with people outside of the planning profession. You will write clear and concise technical reports and communicate technical matters clearly in person, including to PfSH Chief Executives, PfSH Joint Committee, and the PfSH Planning Officers Group
- You are able to act as a champion/advocate and facilitator working with a range of partners
- You manage data well, including financial and personal data, where necessary.
- You have at least basic GIS capabilities
- Experience of working for a local authority or similar public sector organisation would be ideal.