

Leeds City Council – Chief Officer Community Safety DIR 70%

About us

Leeds is an economic powerhouse and is the second largest authority in the UK by population. It has the UK's largest financial and professional services hub outside London. Leeds has four Universities and several colleges, a fast growing digital sector, and is a leading retail, cultural and leisure destination. In recent years, high profile developments have been completed such as First Direct Arena, Trinity Shopping Centre and the opening of the largest John Lewis store outside of London. We are now planning for the arrival of HS2 and the delivery of ambitious housing growth targets in our core strategy.

We're looking for an outstanding senior leader to join us during an exciting time of growth and to help drive our ambitious plans to ensure Leeds is the best city in the country.

The Job

This officer will have direct responsibility for all existing community safety functions and resources as well as the Safer Leeds partnership, plus taking a leadership role in regard to a number of other services to provide a more joined-up and coherent leadership responsibility for key services contributing to ensuring the city centre is a safe, clean, vibrant and inclusive place for all to enjoy.

They will fully and actively engage with West Yorkshire Police, and particularly their senior leadership, in our community safety leadership arrangements and ensure the excellent partnership arrangements currently in place continue and develop further.

Your role

You will lead and manage the Community Safety functions to meet the needs of the City's residents and broader stakeholders. You will create a culture of excellence in service delivery, continuous improvement which maximises the use of resources and actively promotes the Council's values.

Reporting to the Director Communities and Environment, you will play a key role in ensuring a safe and clean city centre and tackling the complex issues arising on a day-to-day basis. You will work across the council and external partnerships to ensure the delivery of all relevant strategic outcomes and objectives.

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate success of leading and managing a team to achieve high quality service outcomes. You will be able to demonstrate the skills and experience required to lead the Council's community safety strategies and will have a proven track record of working successfully within a political environment and will be able to develop practical and creative solutions to service and corporate problems.

You will also be able to demonstrate partnership working to deliver improved outcomes for citizens, customers and stakeholders in a time of unprecedented challenge.