



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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DEMOCRATIC SERVICES ASSISTANT RECRUITMENT PACK

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YOUR APPLICATION

Dear Applicant,

Thank you very much for your interest in this post. On the following pages, you will find details of the role and the selection process to assist you in completing and tailoring your application.

To apply you should submit:

- An up-to-date CV which shows your full career history
- A covering letter explaining why you are interested in this role, detailing how you are a good candidate for this post and how you fulfil the criteria on the Job Outline.

Please note that applications can only be considered if all the documentation is complete. Please send your application with a covering letter by email to the recruitment team (recruitment@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk). If you would like to discuss reasonable adjustments during the Recruitment process, you can also contact the Recruitment Team.

Applications must be received by **9am on 3rd July 2023**.

If you wish to have an informal discussion about the role and organisation, or if you have any other questions to help you decide whether to apply, please contact me Alison Marston, Head of Democratic Services,
alison.marston@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk.

THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

We are accepting applications until 9am Monday 3rd July 2023.

We have a one-stage recruitment process.

We will review applications, and if you have been shortlisted for an interview, this will be held w/c 3rd July.

This interview will be remote via Teams and expected to take one hour

JOB OUTLINE

Salary starts at £24,496.

Job Purpose:

To maintain and contribute to the development of the democratic process of the Combined Authority by:

- Supporting the efficient and effective service of various meetings and carrying out all appropriate related work
- Providing support for elected Members in the role as representatives of the community

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide administrative support to the Democratic Services Team including, assisting with the organisation of meetings, ensuring agendas are produced with the statutory timeframe, servicing meetings and producing an accurate set of minutes, assisting with associated administrative work for meetings including the preparation and publication of the Forward Plan.
- Helping to ensure that all published reports conform to the agreed Combined Authority Standard in order to provide access and transparency to democracy and, where appropriate, that report authors have taken account of the accessibility criteria
- Signposting and advising Members, officers and external parties as appropriate regarding the content and interpretation of the Combined Authority's Constitution and relevant legislation
- Monitoring the democratic services inbox and responding/forwarding on enquiries as appropriate
- Supporting the Combined Authority's Monitoring Officer in the maintenance of the register of Members' interests, providing advice where appropriate regarding the declaration of interests
- Assist in supporting the arrangements post-election including helping to organise induction events and producing relevant documents/training materials
- Be familiar with the process for organising, hosting and administering meetings, both physical and virtual, in order to help ensure they can always proceed in a satisfactory, timely and lawful way.
- Assisting the Head of Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer, as directed, in reviewing and updating the Combined Authority's Constitution and any other procedures, training materials as needed to facilitate best practice governance.
- Working with the Comms and web team, support the development of internet and intranet democratic services pages and guidance documents based on the CPCA processes and then monitor and update as required by the Head of Democratic Services or the Monitoring Officer.

RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE

This directorate is front and centre of our Combined Authority operations. It is proud to say that it works with everybody, from Government departments, the M10 group of Metro Mayors, and constituent councils, to colleagues across the whole range Combined Authority departments.

Resources and Performance delivers many of the vital back-office functions of the Combined Authority, governance, procurement, legal, funding streams, HR, and being a driver and champion of transformation through the Combined Authority's improvement programme and the development of professional partnerships and 'centres of excellence' with other councils.

As the new directorate moves forward, it will evolve a long-term financial strategy to help Cambridgeshire & Peterborough realise its ambitions and release its potential – and it play a key role as 'critical friend', challenging systems and behaviours to ensure the Combined Authority's quest for excellence is unceasing.

THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority was established as a Mayoral Combined Authority to make life better, healthier, and fairer for all.

As the authority revises its focus to 2025, much of the original purpose and ambition remains, with increased attention to address post-pandemic areas of deficit and more recent impact of climate, energy, and cost of living crises.

This strategy signals a transition from the original devolution and broad ambition of the Combined Authority to a more focused strategic ambition and defined priority areas enabling a prosperous Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region; one that is more equitable, more environmentally sustainable, and securing good growth for its residents and businesses.

The Combined Authority comprises the seven local authorities (referred to as the Constituent Councils) and the Business Board (Local Enterprise Partnership) for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region. Working with Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, Peterborough City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and business leaders allows the Combined Authority to convene significant knowledge, expertise and local intelligence.

The Combined Authority and its constituent councils are committed to working together to enable sustainable growth. Partnership working and delivery together with constituent councils, NHS, Integrated Care System (ICS), businesses, community groups and organisations across the region is recognised by the Combined Authority as being pivotal in delivering the ambitions for the area.

LOCATION AND COMMUNICATION



- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority operates an Agile Way of working. This means splitting your time between the office in Huntingdon and working remotely.
- The Office is located on the 2nd floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN. There is public parking a short distance from the offices.
- Discussions with your manager will establish how frequently you may be needed to work in the office, although it is generally expected that you will be in the office around one day per week.
- We have a weekly meeting with all staff invited, led by the Chief Executive and colleagues within the Executive Team. We also have a weekly staff newsletter. This is in addition to the communications that take place within your own directorate and teams.

We have regular all staff events that take place once a quarter, where we come together in the office.

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

We are committed to learning and development in the Combined Authority.

INDUCTION

We hold IT and HR Inductions on Day 1, to enable you to learn more about the Authority on your first day. This is also followed by the completion of some mandatory e-Learning. During your first few months, you will be required to attend a Corporate Induction. You will spend half a day in our office at Pathfinder House, getting to know other new starters and learning more about our organisation.

PROBATION

Once you start with us you will have a 6-month probation period to ensure that you are properly supported as you learn your new job and what is expected of you. We also want to identify any training or development needs you may have and put objectives in place to support you in your role and future career. You'll have regular meetings with your line manager to discuss your progress.

APPRAISALS

We want to ensure that everyone can discuss their performance and development with their manager. During the appraisal, you will receive clear feedback on how you have been doing and set clear objectives for the coming year. The objectives will link to our values and behaviours.

BENEFITS

ANNUAL LEAVE

This is pro-rata'd if you work part-time. The entitlement includes 8 bank holidays.

Length of Service	
Up to 5 years	34 days
Between 5 and 10 years	38 days
Between 10 and 15 years	39 days
Over 15 years	40 days

PENSION

We are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme. You will contribute from 6.3%, and we will contribute from 18.3%.

If your actual pensionable pay is:	You pay a contribution rate of:	Employee monthly contributions (monthly)		Employer monthly contributions (monthly)	
Up to £16,500	5.5%	Up to	£75.63	From	£251.63
£16,501 to £25,900	5.8%	From	£79.75	From	£251.64
£25,901 to £42,100	6.5%	From	£140.30	From	£394.99
£42,101 to £53,300	6.8%	From	£238.57	From	£642.04
£53,301 to £74,700	8.5%	From	£377.55	From	£812.84
£74,701 to £105,900	9.9%	From	£616.28	From	£1,139.19
£105,901 to £124,800	10.5%	From	£926.63	From	£1,614.99
£124,801 to £187,200	11.4%	From	£1,185.61	From	£1,903.22
£187,201 or more	12.5%	From	£1,950.01	From	£2,854.82

BENEFITS

WELLBEING

We have a comprehensive wellbeing package. This includes access to an employee assistance programme, a network of mental health first aiders across the organization and monthly Mental Health & Wellbeing Meetings where we talk about a diverse range of topics.



Family Friendly Policies including flexible working, occupational maternity, paternity and adoption leave.



24/7 Employee Assistance Program for you.



Learning and Development opportunities to support your career progression.



Payment of professional subscription fees relevant to your role (one per year, after passing probation).



Benefits Provider: we offer a range of Benefits through Vivup.