



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Senior Policy Officer 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 Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.

If you wish to have an informal discussion. Contact, Jules Lent, Head of Policy, Insight and Performance
jules.ient@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk.

Please note, I'll be on Annual Leave from 8-15 March. If you would like to have an informal conversation during this period, please contact Kate McFarlane, Director of Policy and Engagement,
kate.mcfarlane@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk.

THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

We are accepting applications until 9am Tuesday 2nd April 2024

We have a one part recruitment process.

We will review applications, and if you have been shortlisted for an interview, this will be held w/c 15 April

Interviews will be in person and expected to take one hour.

JOB OUTLINE

Role	Senior Policy Officer
Reports to	Policy & Insight Manager
Grade; Salary	£40,220-44,428

Job Purpose

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is creating a new Senior Policy Officer role as we strengthen our Policy function.

The Combined Authority has an ambitious vision to deliver a Corporate programme of work that reflects the strategic ambitions of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Reporting to the newly created Policy Manager this role will drive innovation, creative thinking and alternative ways of delivering outcomes in line with agreed objectives across their team and the organisation.

The role will make a significant contribution to the formulation, development, promotion and implementation of a range of policies, strategies, projects and initiatives within specified policy areas within an integrated policy and strategy framework. The role will be integral in building a new impactful policy team to enable long term policy development and horizon scanning balanced with knowledgeable and robust short term responsiveness.

This role sits within the newly formed Chief Executive's Office where Mayoral support, Policy, Communications, Public Affairs and Executive Support have come together to drive forward sustainable and lasting change for our communities.

JOB OUTLINE

Key Responsibilities

- Support the Head of Policy, Insight & Performance and Policy & Insight Manager in driving forward influential policy formulation.
- Support the development and implementation of effective strategic frameworks, corporate strategic planning and policy development (eg Mayoral priorities, devolution) so that priority outcomes are clearly defined and embedded at all levels.
- Develop and maintain effective cross-organisational working and collaboration with external partners on policy development in relevant policy areas.
- Undertake policy horizon scanning and advice to business areas and office of the Mayor as appropriate
- To carry out individual research and policy projects, procuring external support where appropriate.
- Provide policy research, information, advice and support on issues which support the implementation of the organisation's priorities.
- Research and draft clear, well-targeted and influential reports, briefings, speeches, articles, presentations and other publications on key issues as required, including on emerging significant issues within the region.
- Through day to day working and projects create the means to strengthen collaborative working with partners across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- Under the direction of the Head of Policy, Insight and Performance, support them in the supervision and mentoring of interns and/ or apprentices where appropriate.
- Use Mayoral Combined Authority networks and Government networks to maintain up to date knowledge of emerging changes in policy.
- Work closely with Public Affairs Team to lobby and raise the profile of the policy positions of the Combined Authority, the Mayor and wider Cambridgeshire and Peterborough geography.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

This role sits within the newly formed Chief Executive's Office where Mayoral Support, Policy, Communications, Public Affairs and Executive Support have come together as one team to drive forward sustainable and lasting change for our communities.

The Chief Executive's Office balances shaping policy and strategy, lobbying for future investment in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, monitoring and evaluating the impacts the Combined Authority has and celebrating those successes with ensuring we work effectively as one organisation and with other key stakeholders and partners.

At the heart of this is ensuring the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is an effective leader both locally and nationally. This includes ensuring the Mayor is supported to develop and promote the Mayoral Pledges, ensuring Mayoral correspondence is dealt with swiftly and that opportunities to raise the Mayor's profile and role as a local leader are maximised.

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%** depending on your salary. CPCA will contribute **between 15.3%-18.3%** of an employee's salary. The amount the organisation pays can vary from time to time and is usually reviewed by LGPS every 3 years. To note, where there is a small variance in the organisations rate, this does not affect the amount of pension that an individual would receive as this is set by the Local Government Pension Scheme.

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.