

Head of Strategic Procurement

Reference: FI000384

Group: Strategic Procurement

Job Type: Permanent

Job Hours: Full-time/Part-time/Job-share

Salary: £56,529 - £59,667

In today's challenging climate for local government, first rate procurement skills and knowhow are vital. The London Borough of Redbridge is now looking for an exceptional individual who can bring these qualities and lead the team delivering strategic procurement services for the Council.

Redbridge's strategic procurement team has a key role within the Council. It has two main functions: managing and procuring corporate contracts; and leading the drive for value for money and effective contract management by working with service areas around the Council as a whole. The team takes a strong lead in developing contract management skills and providing comprehensive spend analysis, thus creating a first rate framework for procurement activity.

This role involves leading the team and working closely with members and senior officers around the Council to get even greater value from contracts, reconfiguring and renegotiating as necessary. The Head of Strategic Procurement will follow the best commercial practice and set the highest standards of value for money. He or she will lead on development of framework contracts and joint procurement initiatives with other organisations.

The successful candidate will have first-rate hands-on experience of negotiating and leading in major procurement initiatives, whether in the public or private sector. He or she will have demonstrated the ability to lead and enthuse both procurement professionals and service users. A relevant qualification would be desirable. Above all, the successful candidate must have a passionate commitment to ensuring value for money for the Council.

Closing Date: Friday 30th July 2010

Interviews to be held: Friday 20th August 2010

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