LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Person Specification: Chief Executive

Reporting To:

Leader of the Council

Essential Job Requirements	Assessment Method
Equal Opportunities	
Able to demonstrate through understanding of and personal commitment to, the principles of equal opportunities and diversity and evidence successful implementation in employment and service delivery.	A/I
Job Related Knowledge / Aptitude / Skills	
Demonstrable understanding of the key issues facing local government	A/I
Knowledge of the legislative framework within which local authorities operate	A/I
Ability to articulate a clear vision for Harrow and strategies for its realisation	A/I
Ability to deliver improvements in value for money and financial savings.	I
Ability to develop effective working relationships both internally and externally and to promote and represent Harrow's interests both locally and nationally	A/I
Understanding of partnership working and the ability to develop effective partnerships with the community, private, public and voluntary sectors.	A/I
Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally to a wide range of audiences	A/I
Ability to oversee and deliver substantive revenue and capital budgets.	A/I

Able to lead and encourage others to achieve high quality performance and results and manage resources effectively in a highly accountable culture	A/I
Ability to listen, communicate and advise Elected Members on matters of resource management and investment, probity and financial challenge	I
Political sensitivity and an ability to handle difficult policy issues.	I
Ability to deal effectively and appropriately with the media.	I
Experience	
Significant experience at chief executive or senior management level in a large and complex organisation within the public or private sector.	A/I
A successful track record of resource and people management, inward investment and the creation of economic and social wealth successful delivery of value for money improvements and savings programmes.	A/I
Experience of working with, advising and building relationships of trust with, elected representatives or complex (e.g. non-executive) stakeholders in an environment of comparable complexity.	A/I
A successful track record of partnership and network building in a variety of communities, public and private agencies.	A/I
Demonstrable experience of devising, developing and implementing successful change management and innovations in the delivery of service.	A/I
Demonstrable experience of effective financial management of large complex budgets, including budget monitoring and control.	A/I
Experience of developing and implementing effective performance management, quality and other review processes.	A/I

Education Educated to graduate level or other recognised	Α
management or professional qualification	
An effective leader with a high level of personal drive and motivation.	I
Outcome orientated and able to find creative solutions to issues.	I
Authoritative and influential with the ability to get people to work with you easily and enthusiastically.	I
High professional and personal standards with obvious integrity.	I
Well organised and disciplined, resilient, capable of meeting deadlines and managing a demanding workload.	I
Other Qualities	
Capacity to work under constant and considerable pressure in a demanding job, which requires evening and weekend working.	I

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