

# **Senior Planning Officer**

#### **Our vision**

Together, towards an even better lifestyle.

### 1. Position details

Directorate:	Sustainable Development	Level: 8 to 9
Reports to:	Manager Planning Services	3
Supervision of:	Planning Officer – Graduate	9
Significant Working Relationships:	Community, business and agency stakeholders  Directorate team members  Key internal stakeholders	

## 2. Position summary

Provide a professional technical service to internal and external customers regarding all matters relating to Town Planning and Development to ensure effective performance of the Business Unit.

# 3. Community strategic objectives











### 4. Our values

**Teamwork -** We are a united team who works together towards a common goal.

**Integrity -** We are empowered and accountable when making decisions.

**Leadership -** We are adaptable and responsive in our leadership.

**Excellence -** We are committed to an exceptional customer experience.

**Respect -** We are respectful of our history and work together to build our future.

### 5. Key duties and responsibilities

Key functions	Specific duties
Customer service	<ul> <li>Process and assess incoming applications for development, subdivision and scheme amendments, and make appropriate recommendations to the Manager Planning Services and/or Director Sustainable Development.</li> <li>Prepare written reports for consideration by Council and other Committee's as required.</li> <li>Assist with telephone, public counter and general enquiries and advise internal and external customers on a wide range of matters</li> </ul>
Development control	<ul> <li>Prepare correspondence, reports and plans on Development Applications and town planning matters for the Business Unit and Council.</li> <li>Refer applications as required to appropriate internal and external customers to ensure adequate consultation and co-ordination of applications.</li> <li>Inspect and evaluate properties in response to Development Applications, subdivision referrals, Scheme Amendments and other town planning proposals.</li> <li>Assist in the preparation of Shire policies and strategic planning framework.</li> </ul>
Leadership/ liaison	<ul> <li>Liaise with the Business Unit in the assessment of natural and human environmental and construction impacts of developments.</li> <li>Undertake planning projects where required by the Manager Planning Services or Director of Sustainable Development.</li> <li>Assist Manager Planning Services and/or Director Sustainable Development with general compliance/monitoring and attendance at the State Administrative Tribunal when appropriate.</li> </ul>

 Assist the Manager Planning Services and Environmental Officer in ensuring that the Shire's Environmental expectations are implemented. • Provide professional assistance and mentor to the Graduate Planning Officer. • Provide guidance and specialist advice to Planning Officers and Planning Support Officer. • Maintain effective communications and relationships within the team. • Ensure an attitude of inclusion and respect is at the forefront of all team activities. • Implement Council resolutions and report to Manager Planning Services and/or Director Sustainable Development on progress of action. Act as Manager Planning Services when required. • Coordinate and conduct an efficient Development Control Unit (DCU). Review and allocate incoming applications. Representations Develop and maintain effective channels and networks with relevant industry representative bodies. Liaise with all relevant stakeholders on issues affecting the team. Develop networks with officers of neighbouring local governments and external stakeholders on matters relevant to the team. Policies and • Provide input to policies, plans, manuals and management procedures guidelines. • Ensure programs and activities are implemented in a timely manner and in line with policies and current procedures. • Implement risk management requirements across programs and activities. Implement all decisions and directives affecting the team. Human resource Work in accordance with the Shire's defined Equal Employment management Opportunity and Anti-discrimination legislation, procedures and principles. • Review others and participate in the annual performance appraisal process. Identify training requirements for the continued growth of the team. Safety • Ensure all staff perform their work in a safe and healthy manner and abide by Shire and legislative safe work procedures, instructions and safety management practices.

Other	•	National Crime Check.
	•	Current "C" Class Drivers Licence.

## 6. Extent of authority

- The position operates under the broad direction of the Manager Planning Services and Director Sustainable Development within established guidelines, procedures and policies of Council, as well as those rights and responsibilities bestowed on the position by the Local Government Act 1995, Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Planning and Development (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2005.
- Use of delegated authority as approved by Council.
- This position may authorise purchases and certify invoices in line with procedures and the Purchase Order Threshold Schedule.

#### 7. Your team



#### 8. Position selection criteria

#### **Essential**

- 1. Tertiary degree in Regional and Urban Planning or a related field.
- Demonstrated previous experience in a similar senior planning role within Local Government.
- 3. Developed knowledge of Town Planning and environmental legislation, principles and practices in Western Australia.
- 4. Demonstrated verbal and written skills and experience with negotiation, problem solving and conflict resolution.
- 5. Understanding to promote and support a culture of quality customer service that identifies and responds quickly and provides appropriate solutions.
- 6. Ability to work as an effective team member and solve problems and conflict with others.

#### **Desirable**

1. Membership or eligibility to the Planning Institute of Australia.