

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	Senior Transport Operations Officer
MANAGED BY:	Transport Operations Team Leader
GRADE:	8

BACKGROUND

The West of England Mayoral Combined Authority is seeking to appoint a Senior Transport Operations Officer, to join the Integrated Transport Operations team.

This is an exciting time to join the West of England Combined Authority. In the last year nearly three quarters of a billion pounds of new investment has been secured for the region. New plans are in place to deliver on Mayoral priorities to improve transport, skills and housing for our residents, take decisive action to tackle the climate emergency, and to support communities facing the cost-of-living crisis. There is a relentless focus on delivery to put the West of England on the map for regional, national and global success.

Led by the regional Metro Mayor, the West of England Combined Authority brings together three local councils, the Local Enterprise Partnership and works with communities, other public services, and industry to deliver for the region.

You will be a key player as we create West of England Sustainable Transport. We are delivering on the big transport improvements people in the region need and deserve, changing how people travel, making journeys affordable, reliable, enjoyable, and safe. Come and help shape the future of the West of England, a place so many people are proud to call home.

THE ROLE

Reporting into the Integrated Transport Operations Manager, the Senior Transport Operations Officer will assist in the implementation of the West of England Combined Authority's Transport Vision, Joint Local Transport Plan and Bus Strategy, primarily through delivery of the Transport Authority operational functions.

They will:

- Provide public transport expertise and leadership through extensive knowledge within one of the key areas of Bus Services, Bus Information or Bus improvement Programme

- Have a sound understanding of the issues across all areas of the Transport Operations Team
- Be a key player as we create West of England Sustainable Transport

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepare and implement the operational elements of the Joint Local Transport Plan, Bus Strategy, Bus Information Strategy and other public transport strategies for the West of England region.
- Support the delivery, monitoring and improvement of WECA's operational functions as Transport Authority for the Region, covering concessionary travel, bus information, community transport and supported bus services.
- Provide professional and technical expertise in one of the key areas of the Transport Operations Team, including Bus Services, Bus Information and the Bus Improvement Programme
- Manage small to medium projects with limited supervision, including budget management and the preparation of funding bids.
- Co-ordinate the transport operations input into the development of the spatial planning approach for the region and other supporting region-wide plans, strategies, and documents such as Supplementary Planning Documents, Development Briefs and Design Guidance.
- Work with the constituent councils and wider stakeholders in the development of strategies for specific areas or transport modes affecting the West of England region.
- Utilise professional and management skills to ensure that WECA's transport policies move towards greater sustainability and support climate challenges.
- Prepare reports and present these where necessary at Committees and other public meetings.
- Manage the engagement with bus operators in management of the bus network and advise on future service improvements.
- Procure and manage the commissioning of consultancy work for transport policies and projects where necessary.
- Assist and lead in other areas of comparable work as may be required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL (MUST HAVE)

Qualifications and Knowledge

- Educated to degree level or equivalent in a relevant discipline, for example transport planning, geography, environmental studies or engineering.
- Understanding of the public transport functions of a Transport Authority, transport legislation, regulations, national policies and professional best practice.
- Appreciation of the political environment, structures and culture of local government related to the role

Experience

- Experience of working in an operational or service delivery role in a field closely related to the service area.
- Evidence of managing and monitoring small to medium sized projects, including supervision of budgets and staff.
- Evidence of providing guidance, advice, instruction, support, training and motivation to other team members.
- Experience of working with key operational stakeholder groups to achieve corporate objectives.
- Experience of working with urban, rural, sustainable and public transport issues.

Skills and Competencies

- Excellent written, communication and presentational skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively with elected Members and colleagues at all levels across the Combined Authority, constituent councils, stakeholders and members of the public.
- Ability to give advice and, when necessary, negotiate assertively but with tact and diplomacy.
- A strong team player with a collaborative work style, but with the ability to work effectively independently.
- Able to research, collate and analyse complex issues and develop innovative approaches to problem solving.
- Able to prioritise workload, to work under pressure and meet deadlines, acting on own initiative when necessary.
- Proficient user of the Microsoft Suite (or equivalent), specifically Outlook, Word and Excel.
- Ability to quickly learn new IT software as required for the post.
- Ability to interpret and monitor financial and statistical data.
- Ability to demonstrate knowledge and/or experience of equalities and diversity issues.

DESIRABLE

Qualifications and Knowledge

- Relevant postgraduate qualification.
- Previous experience of working for a Local Authority.
- Experience of working in a highly visible public sector environment.
- Understanding of the range of issues and support required by the Transport Operations group and how to apply this practically.
- Understanding of the local, regional, national and international environment relevant to the post. Project management qualification and extensive experience of working within project teams.

REWARDS AND BENEFITS

Alongside a competitive salary, we offer an excellent benefits package including:

- 26 days annual leave plus bank holidays
- Generous Employer-Contribution Pension Scheme through the Avon Pension Fund
- Cycle to work scheme and secure bike parking
- Free eye tests for all display screen equipment (DSE) users
- Discounted monthly bus tickets
- Hybrid working to split your week between the office and home to help you achieve the best work/life balance and career goals.

We have recently moved into a new bright, airy, modern office space, with all latest technology, under a 10-minute walk from Bristol Temple Meads Train Station. We offer flexible and hybrid working options too if you would rather work from home, or another suitable location.

As an equal opportunities employer, we invite applicants to contact us to identify any additional support they may need during the recruitment process.

WE PAY THE LIVING WAGE

We're proud to have been accredited as a Living Wage Employer

Living Wage accreditation means that everyone working at The West of England and Combined Authority receives a minimum hourly wage of £14.21 - higher than the government minimum for **over 23s, currently £10.42 per hour.**



It also means that anyone who provides services to, or has contracts with us, must pay the Living Wage, setting the bar for good employer practices in the region. This includes those who provide services to The West of England and Combined Authority, such as cleaning and facilities management contracts, as well as those who have contracts with us - such as IT providers.

