



## **Job Description - Landscape Operative**

Salary £25,979 - £27,803 + pension scheme + 27 days annual leave

### **How you'll make a difference**

You will be part of a vital front-line team working from our operating depot in Oldbrook, delivering all aspects of grounds maintenance including grass cutting, hedge trimming strimming, leaf blowing, litter picking, some tree work and weed spraying. Enjoying working outdoors and physical work you will work on all aspects of grounds maintenance within the parks and public spaces, in Winterhill, Oldbrook, Fishermead, Springfield, Woolstone, Newlands and Willen. We manage our own land, and deliver landscaping to contract specification on Milton Keynes City land in our area too, so plenty of variety!

Working hours will be seasonal, adjusted to account for Summer and Winter hours, including a Christmas shutdown. You will get 27 days holiday additionally.

### **What will you be doing?**

- In this varied role, you will undertake maintenance work including grass cutting, hedge cutting, shrub border maintenance, and dense vegetation, trimming and reducing hedges, cutting quality and amenity grass, crown-lifting trees and dealing with damaged and fallen trees, and assisting in the control of weed growth by the application of herbicides throughout the covered area. There is some litter picking and bin emptying at peak times, on our own sites too.
- You will carry out routine winter maintenance operations including heavy cut backs in public parks, open spaces, and woodland areas using a variety of powered hand tools and mobile plant. This will also include general amenity maintenance duties and horticultural operations, assisting in minor landscaping works such as the planting of bedding, shrubs and trees.
- There will be a mix of working as part of a team, and lone working, but never without support.
- Part of the role will be undertaking routine maintenance of the council's equipment, including tools and vehicles.
- On a daily basis you will be using commercial powered hand tools such as brush cutters, powered pruners, long reach pruners, pedestrian mowers etc and ensure that you are able adhere to all safe methods of work and relevant Health and Safety regulations including the wearing of high visibility clothing and PPE.

### **What we need from you**

- You will be able to give examples of your previous experience in a gardening / grounds role and demonstrate the confidence and physical abilities to operate commercial professional grounds equipment such as; tractors and mowers, large petrol strimmers, commercial hedge trimmers, chainsaws and leaf blowers. Experience/qualifications in pesticide application would be great.
- In order to be considered for this role is it essential that you have a full UK driving licence with experience of driving a long wheel based transit (style) tipper and preferably experience in a similar commercial or public sector.
- Your ability to follow works instructions accurately is key to this role with the ability to understand maps and plans and complete records accurately and show a core understanding of health and safety and the risks and hazards associated with the role. We are looking for hard working individuals who are able to work with minimal supervision making sure services are delivered to a high standard for our CPCC residents.

#### **How a career at CPCC is different**

- We invest in the careers of our people and we are recognised for the quality, breadth and depth of our **training and development** offer, which helps our people make the greatest long-term difference in their work.
- You'll be eligible to join our local authority pension scheme, which is very generous (ask for more details) and get 27 days of annual leave.
- What's special here is the strength of the **team ethos**, the support and the training.

Our teams at CPCC are making a real difference to the lives of people who live, work and learn here.

- We're building and shaping communities which people are proud of
- We're supporting essential services across our local network to ensure we can fully support our community.

We've achieved a great deal, but we need talented and dedicated people to ensure we continue to make a difference.

**We're making a difference: be part of it!**

#### **Vacancy type:**

Permanent

#### **Advertising End Date:**

30 September 2024

To request an application pack, please e-mail [admin@campbell-park.gov.uk](mailto:admin@campbell-park.gov.uk) The deadline for the submission of applications, including a covering letter, is noon on 30 September 2024 and should be sent to The Estates Manager, Campbell Park Community Council, 1 Pencarrow Place, Fishermead, Milton Keynes, MK6 2AS.