

SCHEDULE

Date Vacant	Post Ref	Post Designation	Grade	Division	Reason for Vacancy	Comments
21.04.06	OP009	Development Control Manager	6	Planning	Promotion	<p>This is a key role in terms of the service being able to cope with, and effectively respond to, the growth pressures that are currently, and for the foreseeable future, focused on Huntingdonshire. This role is responsible for managing the Development Control Service and the staff in the Development Control section, which is a large team of 25 staff, and for leading in respect of a personal caseload of major development proposals. If this post were not filled, the service would have no option but to try and buy in specialist planning consultancy advice because the Council, acting in respect of its role as Local Planning Authority, has a statutory duty to deal with planning applications and other development proposals within prescribed timescales (and performance in these areas are of course monitored as a Best Value Performance Indicator and are now also intrinsically related to levels of Planning Delivery Grant received).</p> <p>We are already experiencing difficulties in terms of filling other senior planning vacancies and whilst the existing team of 'Planning Managers' has adapted well to date, there is an obvious limit to the capacity of the existing team to absorb any further managerial pressures</p>

26.05.06	OP217	Supervising Inspector - Arboricultural	9	Operations	Resignation	<p>The tree works team was set up following a safety survey of all trees in the district which identified the need for an ongoing management plan to minimize the risk of future claims. (The number and cost of claims had been rising year on year and was reaching unacceptable levels). Previously, tree maintenance work had been carried out using various local sub contractors. Any urgent works required attracted premium payments and limited our ability to respond quickly following storms etc.</p> <p>The cost of undertaking this work in-house is less than it will be if externalised and re filling this post is essential if we are to avoid having to sub contract the work again.</p> <p>The post holder is a 'working' supervising inspector who carries out technical inspections, runs the team and undertakes specialised works.</p>
31.05.06	CT181	Help Desk Analyst	9	Information Management	Promotion	<p>The loss of one of only four Help Desk Analysts in the team would have a direct, negative impact on the service that the Help Desk provides. Service provision of the Help Desk would need to be cut and users would suffer as result. This would result in Service Delivery of the whole council suffering. The Help Desk service would become more reactive and less proactive and users would not be able to make such effective use of IT as it current does now and in the future.</p>