

Senior Trading Standards Officer

LB Bexley Council
Competitive Salary
REF: 000710

About Us:

Bexley is an outer London Borough with the best of both worlds, located between the hustle and bustle of London and the Garden of England, Kent. Within the borough we have award winning parks, open spaces and listed heritage sites.

Our Trading Standards department carries out a broad spectrum of Trading Standards functions through enforcement and advice as well as taking part in national projects and surveys. We are also the Primary Authority for a large multinational retailer.

As part of a small interactive team, you will have the opportunity to gain wide experience in the enforcement of a range of trading standards legislation. You should be self-motivated, being able to work on your own, as well as part of the team.

Trading standards service also play a critical role in creating a healthy economy by protecting legitimate businesses.

The Trading Standards service is part of the Public Protection team which also includes Food Safety, External Health and Safety enforcement and Licensing.

We are currently seeking a Trading Standards professional who will enjoy working in the Public Protection team, with duties including:

- Investigating complaints and service demands
- Interpreting and enforcing a wide range of legislation in relation to but not exclusively fraud, age restricted products, safety and intellectual property
- Developing and implementing projects and initiatives based on intelligence and identified trends.
- Specialising in one or more work areas
- Providing training to businesses and partners
- Enforcing a range of legislation in relation to unfair trading practices
- Enforcing the provisions of the Licensing Act
- Undertaking complex investigations into breaches of consumer protection legislation, demonstrating a detailed and high level of knowledge and skill in respect of trading standards legislation, criminal court procedures, and disclosure rules
- Representing the team at multi agency events, operations and meetings.



Please refer to the Job Description on our careers site for more information.

For an informal discussion about the role please contact Bill Ewing, Team Leader Food Safety, Trading Standards & H+S (External), 0203 045 5631, bill.ewing@bexley.gov.uk

We will offer you in return a package that includes a competitive salary, an excellent pension scheme and generous annual leave plus bank holidays. For more information on the benefits package on offer please refer to the Candidate Information document attached.

We reserve the right to close adverts earlier than the closing date.

Candidate Profile

You will need to hold the DTS, DCATS or equivalent professional qualification or have extensive provable experience within Trading Standards.

For the full list of essential and desirable criteria for this role then please refer to the Person Specification within the Job Description attached.

How to Apply

Please click here to apply on our careers page.

Closing Date: **Thursday 8th March 2024**

Please note that the system has a one-hour time limit. We would advise you to prepare your answers separately and then copy and paste into the online form once finalised and have your CV and/or Supporting statement ready to upload.

If any mandatory fields are missing, a pop-up box will appear at the top of the page advising which sections require completion. Please check your Junk email for any correspondence.

Additional Information

As a disability confident employer Bexley welcomes applications from people with all disabilities, including hidden disabilities and mental health conditions. We will interview any disabled applicant who meets the minimum criteria. If you require reasonable adjustments to be made to any part of the recruitment process due to your disability, please contact us on recruitment@bexley.gov.uk

This role may be available as a development opportunity through secondment for the Council's existing employees. The Council's Secondment Scheme can be found here. If this option is of interest, please contact the recruiting manager.

