



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Nga mahi o te tari kāwanatanga | Working in the Public Service

Ko tā tō tātau rāngai tūmatanui he mahi ngātahi e tutuki ai ngā hiahia o ngā hapori i Aotearoa. Ko te whāinga o te rāngai tūmatanui he tautoko i te manapori, he tautoko i ngā kaikaunihera kua whiria ki te whakatinana i ā rātou kaupapa here, he whakaū i ngā ratonga pai rawa atu, he tautoko i ngā kaikaunihera ki te whai i tō te hapori hiahia, he āki i ngā tangata i ngā mahi hapori me te whakaū i ngā ture. He mahi nui tā mātou ki te hāpai i te Karauna i roto i ōna hononga ki te iwi Māori i raro i te Tiriti o Waitangi me te Treaty of Waitangi. Ahakoa te maha o ngā mahi rerekē, ko te katoa o ngā kaimahi rāngai tūmatawhānui ka whakakotahi mai i te hiahia ki te mahi mō te hapori me te whai i ngā mātāpono me ngā wāriau o te rāngai tūmatanui i roto i ā mātou mahi.

Our local government public service works collectively to make a meaningful difference for New Zealand communities. The purpose of all public service is to support our democracy, enable elected officials to develop and implement their policies, deliver high-quality and efficient public services, support Councillors to pursue the long-term public interest, facilitate active citizenship and act in accordance with the law. We have an important role in supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi and te Tiriti o Waitangi. Whilst there are many diverse roles, all public servants are unified by a spirit of service to the community and guided by the core principles and values of the public service in our work.

The Position

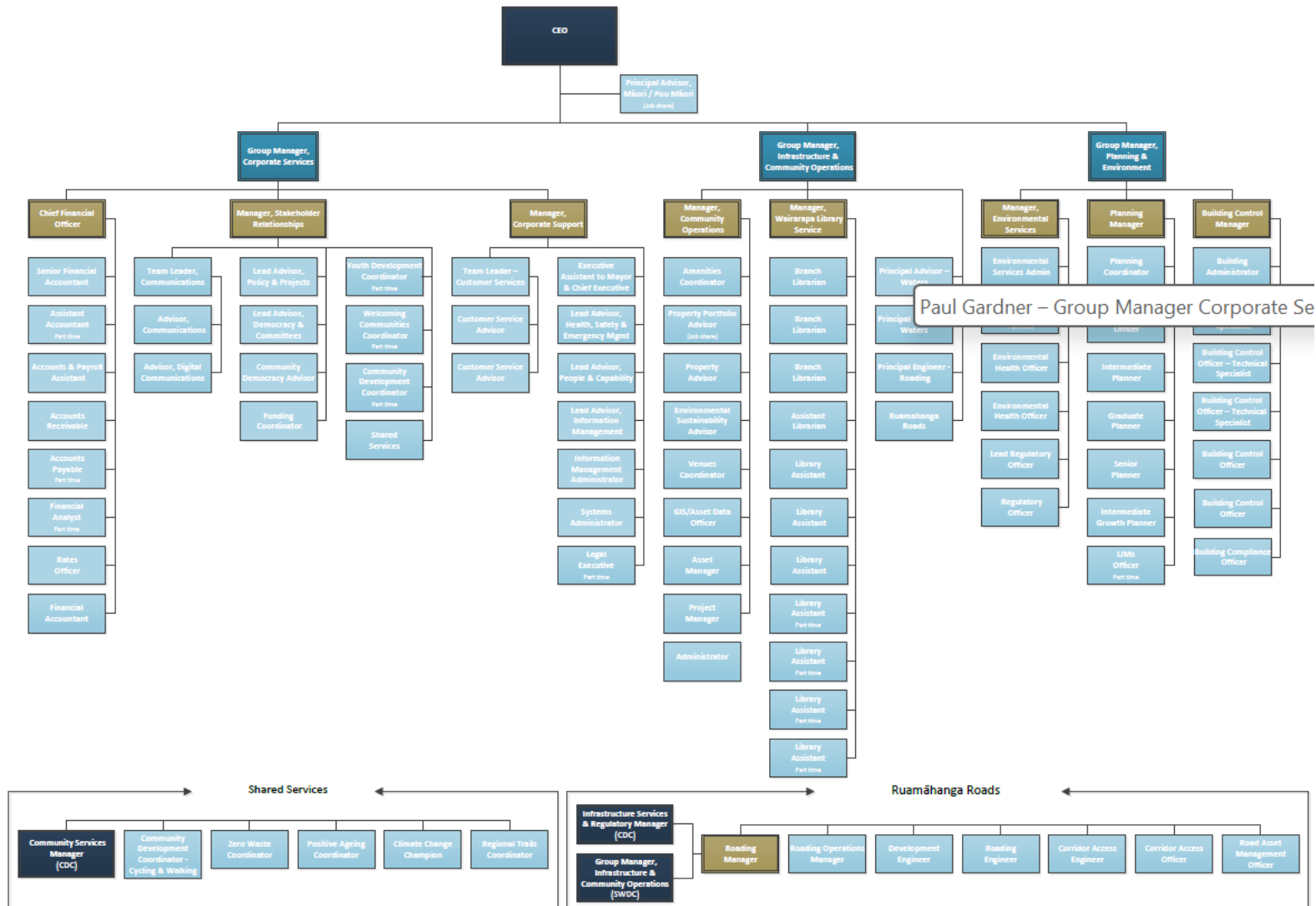
Position:	Manager – Stakeholder Relationships
Group:	Corporate Services
Team:	Stakeholder Relationships
Responsible to (Manager):	Group Manager Corporate Services
Responsible for (direct reports):	All members of the Stakeholder Relationships team
Job Purpose:	<p>The Manager – Stakeholder Relationships is critical to the engagement activities of Council with stakeholders including the community at large, Elected Members, Council staff, and the wider local government sector.</p> <p>Through the leadership of the team, the role has five key accountabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseeing the provision of expert advice and support for elected members. • Support the development and maintenance of policy and manage the framework for the management of risk • External communications • Oversee the process for the release of official information. • Community engagement and development <p>The role will also collaborate with cross-functional team members and key partners to connect stakeholders.</p>
Work location:	South Wairarapa District Council Buildings, Martinborough
Employment type:	Permanent, Full time
Job grade:	TBC
Budget responsibilities:	As per DFA Tier 3
Date prepared/reviewed:	April 2024

The Team

Role of the team

The Stakeholder Relationships team is the conduit of support and guidance between Council, Elected members and the Community at large, that seeks to build trust and confidence in the role of Council and ensures effective engagement occurs with our diverse range of stakeholders.

Where my role fits within SWDC (organisational context)



In order to ensure quality service delivery is provided, this position must have well developed relationships. These include but are not limited to:

Internal	External
Chief Executive	Council stakeholders
Strategic Leadership Team	Contracted service providers
Tier 3 Managers	Technical professionals in your field
Other Council staff	Consultants and Contractors
Mayor and Councillors	Professional service providers
Community Boards and Committee members	The South Wairarapa community
	Local Iwi groups
	Neighbouring local authorities

Our Council

Our Vision:	For the South Wairarapa to be an open, energetic and unified community
Our Mission:	To be future focused, growth orientated and exercise sound judgement
Our values	<p>We support our Mission and Objectives through living our values. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People first: Our staff, Te Tiriti o Waitangi partners and communities are at the heart of what we do. We practice respect and equality. • Openness: We will be open in our mindset and transparent and timely in what we provide. • Grow and learn: We listen, evolve and are open to new ideas. • Trusted in delivery: We keep our word to deliver quality outcomes. • Responsive and innovative: We adjust to new conditions and think outside of the box. • Ka mua, ka muri: We look to the past to help inform where we need to go

Mō te tūnga | Role Overview

In your role as Manager – Stakeholder Relationships, you will report to the Group Manager Corporate Services, and work in close partnership with other South Wairarapa District Council teams to provide delivery of high-quality community engagement, business and governance support services and establish a culture of service excellence throughout the organisation.

Outcomes	Actions
<p>Strategy and Reports</p> <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy • Policy • Community Development • Communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the preparation of the Annual Report and assist with approval by the statutory deadline each year. Engage with SLT members on progress towards the attainment of key performance indicators and that they are monitored and reported. • Coordinate the activities that underpin the preparation and writing of the Long Term and Annual Plans on behalf of Council. • With the support of SLT and the wider team, lead the engagement process with the community at large. • Oversee the development of Council’s Stakeholder, communications and engagement strategy and manage and report on its effectiveness. • Oversee the provision of high-quality governance support to Elected members and the various Committees of Council. • Lead the design of the strategy, systems, and structures to strengthen and improve the system of governance and assurance and risk functions to ensure that the SLT, the governance committees and business functions receive robust support and advice. • Lead and coordinate a Community Development strategy for the whole of council.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide strategic leadership and input to the development and implementation of organisational strategies that relate to community development, community engagement and drive an enhanced user experience. • Develop strong and respectful relationships with key stakeholder to anticipate and identify mutually beneficial opportunities and achieve goals. • In collaboration with the Strategic Leadership Team, design, develop and implement the Council Residents Survey to establish a baseline of current Council performance and public perception of value. • Provide input into the annual Business Planning process, presenting draft proposals for consideration and approval by the Strategic Leadership Team. • Provide effective business support for colleagues across the Group, working in partnership to understand their needs and deliver support and solutions that help to deliver on shared business objectives
Quality and Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to ensure any sector stakeholder strategy engagement is in line with our obligations under the Local Government Act • Oversee the quality assurance process relating to policy development and review. • Work collaboratively and provide technical leadership to teams and stakeholders with a focus on delivering successful outcomes. • Maintain the organisational risk register in collaboration with the Group Manager – Corporate Services and Strategic Leadership Team. • Ensure that any areas of potential risk are identified and elevated to the appropriate levels to be dealt with. • Ensure compliance with all statutory timelines relating to relevant legislation i.e. the Local Government Act and Local Government Official Information Act.
Process Management and Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Business to ensure that consistent and standardized systems and processes are in place. • Develop the teams’ processes and systems across all services and activities to support a high performing, customer-centred, outcome-focussed organisation. • Alongside others within the Corporate services Group, develop ways to capture knowledge, information, and insights from the business functions to inform and improve the quality of strategic advice. • Undertake analysis and evaluation of community development initiatives and identify strategies to develop opportunities for rich engagement. • Act as Council’s Electoral Officer during the election cycle.
Project Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide project leadership and advice on Council’s strategic management framework and corporate plans and deliver the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plans in accordance with statutory requirements. • Create and lead operational projects, providing direction and support to teams for delivery to support desired outcomes and provide an excellent service.
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and sustain positive partnership working with the Strategic Leadership Team and extended Management Team to work collaboratively in leading the Organisation and driving initiatives, to support the business aims and objectives. • Initiate, lead and promote Partnership working internally and externally to drive and deliver organisational strategies, KPIs and SLAs. • Oversee the development and maintenance of collaborative relationships with the South Wairarapa community, and internal and

	<p>external stakeholders to seek feedback on matters that affect them and foresee and resolve issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alongside Community Development Officers, represent the Council on community development initiatives when required. • Ensure that the Corporate Services Group and Council are always promoted in the best possible light by providing a superior customer service focused frontline. • Maintain and develop a network of relevant contacts to ensure that communication channels are kept open. • Lead the triennial induction process and ongoing training for elected members is provided.
People Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead the day-to-day workload and activities across the Team, ensuring delivering of key priorities as agreed with team members through coaching and mentoring. • Effectively manage the performance of your team, ensuring you are taking a positive coaching approach to staff development and welfare. • Use your influence and management ability to create strong cross-Council teams where needed to deliver shared outcomes. • Exercise leadership within the Stakeholder Relationships team to successfully improve our performance and working culture.
Financial Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consultation with the Group Manager, Corporate Services and the wider Finance team, develop operational and project budgets and agree resource allocation within the finalised SWDC budget. • In conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer, prepare team budget and manage all departmental expenditure including managing financial goals.
Corporate Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate as a member of the SWDC Team, making a full contribution to team and organisational initiatives. • Behave consistently with the SWDC Vision, Mission and Values • Foster co-operation and aid communication between teams, units and groups • Look for opportunities to improve systems, processes, and work practices – both within your own position and the organisation as a whole. • Assist the organisation’s Emergency Management Unit in the event of a major disaster. • Adhere to Health and Safety policies and standards and encourage all other staff to do the same. • Demonstrate positive role modelling in health and safety leadership • Ensure that the safety of our people and customers are not compromised by actively managing our Workplace Safety Management System • Ensure that the safety and wellbeing of self and others is not compromised by actively identifying and acting on H,S & W risks • Attend appropriate courses to maintain ongoing knowledge and training.
Council Image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take every opportunity to promote a positive image of the Group and Unit and their activities. • Contribute to the Group business plan. • Represent the Group when appropriate at meetings. • Provide information to customers and the public as supplied.

The key areas of responsibility above reflect the environment as it exists currently. They are not an exhaustive list and it is recognised that they will be subject to variation

Ngā āhuatanga e hiahiatia ana e Mātou | Person specification

Qualifications and Experience

- Tertiary level qualification in business or equivalent experience
- Experience in community engagement and reporting to Governing Groups/Boards
- Proven ability in taking responsibility, initiating activities, prioritising and delivering successful outcomes on time and within agreed budgets.
- Able to assimilate and process complex data.
- Strong process management, continuous improvement and systems thinking approaches
- High level of verbal and written communication skills, including ability to communicate complex issues. An understanding of the strategic issues surrounding the efficient use of information and knowledge management technology
- Experience in the analysis and presentation of information.
- High level knowledge in the relevant legislation and successful track record.
- Has a sound knowledge of public consultation techniques.
- Advanced user of Microsoft suite
- Experience working within a legislative and regulatory framework.
- Experience initiating and leading change to achieve organisation goals.

Personal Capabilities

- Demonstrated ability to form and manage high performing teams with a strong customer focus.
- Ability to analyse issues, problem solve and maintain a positive disposition under pressure.
- A high-quality relationship manager that develops a strong internal and external network.
- Delivery focused and able to work autonomously and at pace across different tasks.
- Self-disciplined and organised enough to effectively manage a large and diverse portfolio.
- Can work closely with elected officials and appreciates the political context within which they operate.
- Works collaboratively with individuals and teams to achieve joint outcomes.
- Able to write and professionally present complex information to a range of audiences.

Leadership Capabilities

Capability area	This means that Managers will
Managers will ensure that effective people leadership is your top priority	<p>Ensure that our people know what is expected of them Managers will have a clear set of priorities for your team. Your staff understand these priorities and what they, and the wider organisational strategy, mean for their work. Staff will periodically review whether you've achieved these objectives and share this with your team(s) warts and all.</p> <p>Ensure our people can develop and grow All staff in their team will have clear performance and development objectives. In setting these objectives, HOW our staff do things and HOW they behave is as important as WHAT they deliver. Coaching for Performance conversations are prioritised and held regularly, including providing prompt, clear and actionable feedback Staff will be encouraged and rewarded for appropriate experimentation, and they celebrate both success and appropriate failure. Any poor performance is addressed promptly, clearly, and fairly. You have a clear sense of your current and emerging capability needs and are actively following a plan to address these, including succession planning for key roles.</p> <p>Ensure our people have the tools, information, and space to do their jobs There are mechanisms for the timely dissemination of the information that staff need to do their jobs. They will delegate sign-out and decision-making appropriately and explicitly</p>

Managers will look after your staff's wellbeing at all times	<i>Make the wellness of your people our primary focus.</i> They will actively manage workloads to maintain the wellness of your people, including discussions up the line to reprioritise when necessary. There is zero tolerance of bullying and other inappropriate behaviour, and any instances are dealt with immediately, fairly and in a way that matches the scale of the behaviour.
Managers will develop a strong, high-performing and adaptive culture	<i>Lead the development of a culture where people are supported to do their best work and to grow and develop.</i> People will be able to raise different perspectives and concerns and challenge in an appropriate way. They know they can do so safely and that we as leaders will take their issues seriously, and people can be themselves. Diversity is encouraged and we actively use those diverse perspectives in our work.
Managers work as a collective in everything we do.	<i>First and foremost be a member of the collective leadership</i> team of Council, and the leader of your team second. They will ensure that behaviour, decision-making and prioritisation reflects this hierarchy. Managers will actively contribute your own time and your staff resource to collective projects as needed They will actively contribute to collective leadership team discussions in an open and frank way to help shape our collective decisions. Once a collective decision is reached, you actively own, champion and implement that decision, irrespective of your personal views
Managers are open and honest with each other in your team and will colleagues	<i>Raise any concerns or questions we have early, openly and constructively,</i> and in the appropriate place and time. We will challenge each other appropriately and we react constructively, encouragingly and curiously to that challenge. We will not raise problems or concerns without solutions or alternative suggestions. Once decisions are taken, we get on and implement in the collective interest and do not relitigate or undermine. We take a “no surprises” approach to raising any issues.
Managers engage early, frequently and effectively, and model transparency	<i>Engage early with our partners, customers and stakeholders,</i> internally and externally, and openly and in the spirit of seeking their contribution. We will ensure that the timing of engagement allows people to shape what we do, wherever possible. We will model transparency in our engagements, our default position is we discuss things openly with our customers and stakeholders unless there is a very good reason not to. We will be well planned and organised in our engagements. We will bring the results of this engagement back into Council, it is our responsibility to share it proactively and as widely as is appropriate, and we use it in our decision-making
Managers delegate , you take decisions consistent with this delegation, but you keep everyone informed.	<i>We will keep ELT informed</i> of anything involving the Mayor and Councillors, media and significant feedback from stakeholders and customers. It is expected that Managers will delegate decision-making and sign-out to the lowest sensible level given the importance and risk associated with the item. It's ok to get this wrong as long as we learn from it.
Managers do the basics well and avoid 'own goals' .	<i>We will follow the rules</i> around one-up approval of invoices and take a careful but common-sense approach to sensitive expenditure. We forecast actively and to the best of our ability, and most importantly adjust these forecasts promptly when things change. We will follow the rules around procurement, including ensuring that any exceptions to the standard processes are clearly approved. It is our responsibility to ensure all procurement has a contract and suitable documentation supporting it. We take a risk-averse approach to identifying conflicts of interest, applying the test of how comfortable you would be with explaining why a decision is on the front page of the newspaper.
Managers will apply 'systems leadership'	<i>We will lead across boundaries</i> – departmental, organisational or sector. We will influence others rather than pull a management lever, when facing large, complex, and difficult problems. We can juggle multiple uncertainties; where no one person can find or organise the solution on their own. We work with others to make resources meet the demand, which is outstripping them, meaning that

the only way forward is by involving as many people's energies, ideas, talents, and expertise as possible.
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The Values by which we work

- **People first:** Our staff, Treaty Te Tiriti o Waitangi partners and communities are at the heart of what we do
- **Open and transparent:** Everything to give and nothing to hide
- **Pursue growth and learning:** Actively listening and evolving. Being open to new ideas
- **Trusted to deliver:** Making a difference, and bringing about quality outcomes
- **Responsive and creative:** Adjusting to new conditions and thinking outside of the box
- **Ka mua, ka muri:** (Walking backwards into the future). Look to the past to inform where we need to go

The Behaviours by which we work

All staff at SWDC share these responsibilities, including me.

- **Collaborate:** Draw on the knowledge of others to bring about better outcomes for the customer.
- **Grow:** Develop ourselves and maintain the highest possible standards of professionalism. Embrace feedback and build on it.
- **Being:** Act with integrity and maintain consistency. Be attentive and kind to one another and embrace different perspectives.
- **Add value:** Through our technical knowledge, deliver the best possible outcomes for our customers.
- **Plan:** Be clear on how activities link together and highlight any risks.
- **Do:** Keep people engaged in what we do and why. Hold ourselves to account for delivery as we do with others.
- **Review:** Learn from mistakes. Fail fast and move on. Seek out solutions not problems. Blame as no part in our organisation.
- **Inspire:** Empower, support, encourage, and motivate colleagues to do their best work.
- **Connected:** Build strong relationships with people and are respectful and empathetic.
- **Positivity:** Create an empowering, safe, and inclusive social environment. Foster a strong wellbeing culture.
- **Engage:** Consider when to communicate. Break things down into easily understandable chunks. Take a genuine and active interest in the organisation at large. Speak out when others behave in a manner not acceptable to the rest of us.
- **Celebrate:** Celebrate our achievements, both individually and as a collective

Amendments to Position Description

From time to time, it may be necessary to consider changes in the Job Description in response to the changing nature of our work environment – including technological requirements or statutory changes. Such change may be initiated as necessary by the manager of the position. This Position Description will be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual cycle. (A review in job size and possible impact on remuneration structure of the position will only be considered where change of the position is significant (guideline: significant would typically involve a 25% change in the complexity / accountability of the role.)

My Agreement

My Name:

My Signature:

Date:
