

# Position Description

Position title:

Sustainability Initiatives Intern

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Division:

Environmental Services

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Department:

Sustainability Initiatives

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Reports to:

Low Carbon Specialist – Internal Sustainability Initiatives Lead

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Direct reports / Indirect reports (number):

None / none

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Location:

Auckland Central

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## Accountabilities of position

### Purpose of position:

The intern will be based in functional teams and participate in key projects over the course of a 3-month programme, to provide a broad range of experience. The programme will include a mix of on-the-job learning and stretch projects, alongside work allocation typical for the areas they are based. The intern is responsible for performing work allocated and contributing to relevant activities and projects as required.

The Intern is responsible for assisting the Sustainability Initiatives department with particular focus on engaging Auckland Council staff in sustainability.

This will include of the following:

- Developing engaging communications for our people
- Carrying out desktop research to support project delivery
- Assisting with event coordination
- Other projects that the department delivers

### Context:

The intern will work alongside Low Carbon Specialists to deliver against agreed business objectives. This may also include working with business partners from other departments in council.

The department supports Auckland Council's strategic objectives by working with business partners across the organisation to make Auckland Council a great place to work.

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### Key responsibilities

- Helps to compile and submit content for Sustainability Champions newsletter and workplace social media channels.
- Supports the coordination of internal events to promote sustainability.
- Supports the delivery of the internal Sustainability Champions program.
- Assists the team in delivering effective sustainability initiatives, including desktop research, content development and updates.
- Contributes to various other tasks as required.

### Expected Outcomes

- Tasks are completed on time, to a high standard, achieving organisational objectives

- Opportunities for improvement are identified and supported
  - Sustainability Initiatives team are assisted in their delivery
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### **Work Excellence**

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Effectively carry out work allocated either independently or as a team
- Identify opportunities to contribute to team or business objectives and actively seeks to provide input
- Identify and recommend to relevant parties opportunities for improvement

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Work is completed in a timely manner and to a high standard
  - The individual is recognised as a valuable contributor to achieving team and business objectives
  - Improvements identified and implementation evident
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### **Relationship Management**

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Develop and maintain effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- Manage conflict effectively to ensure a functional professional relationship is maintained

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Productive mutually beneficial relationships are developed and maintained
  - Business objectives are met
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### **Customer Service**

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Provide excellent customer service to both internal and external customers

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Auckland Council customer service standards are consistently met
  - The reputation of the individual, their immediate team and Auckland Council are enhanced
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### **Professional Development**

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Take responsibility for identifying own learning and development needs
- Take action to communicate these and contributes to identifying relevant support to meet these needs
- Apply learnings to advance professional competence

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Learning and development needs are communicated to line manager
  - Learning and development needs are incorporated into Performance Development Plan
  - Opportunities to participate in learning activities are proactively undertaken
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### **Projects**

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- Contribute as an active participant in project teams where applicable
- Provide up-to-date, relevant best-practice input based on studies, where relevant

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Make a valuable contribution to project teams through:
  - Offering fresh ideas that encourage innovation

- Actively listening to others' contributions, seeking clarity to advance own learning or understanding, and applying that learning to wider context
- Take on a fair portion of actions to support the achievement of project objectives

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## **Technical**

### **Key responsibilities**

- Provide different level of support in relation to IT issues including problem diagnoses, trouble shoot and triage
- Contribute to and encourage the use of IT Service Management Knowledge base

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Excellent customer feedback
  - Excellent team leader feedback
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## **Organisational obligations**

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Action Auckland Council's good employer obligations including equal employment, biculturalism and diversity policies and practices
- Auckland Council is committed to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi – partnership, participation and protection – as such, we work with our iwi partners and the wider Māori community to meet their needs and aspirations for the city
- As an employee of the council you are required to understand and demonstrate our organisational behaviours
- As an employee of the council you are required to be associated, as required, with Civil Defence Emergency Management or any exercise that might be organised in relation to this council function
- Promote a safe and healthy workplace by undertaking responsibilities as outlined in Auckland Council's health and safety policy and procedures
- Promote activities and initiatives that assist Auckland Council achieve its vision and mission
- Promote one-organisation initiatives and action these service characteristics
- As an employee of Auckland Council you are required to familiarise yourself with and comply with all organisation policies, including but not limited to, Auckland Council Code of Conduct

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Auckland Council meets its obligations as an employer
  - Auckland Council meets its obligation under the Treaty of Waitangi and the Treaty Settlement Act
  - Understanding and meeting the needs of Māori in the council's internal working environment and in the delivery of services to the Auckland community
  - Act in ways that demonstrate understanding and which embrace our behaviours in your dealings with both your work colleagues and in your interactions, both internal and external.
  - Acts in ways that support an environment of biculturalism, diversity and inclusion in the workplace
  - Obligations under the Māori Responsiveness framework are upheld
  - Auckland Council's reputation is enhanced within the community
  - Health and safety requirements upheld
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## **Key relationships**

Internal:

- Low Carbon Specialist – Internal Sustainability Initiatives, Low Carbon Living Team
- Buddy to provide peer support throughout programme
- Intern Liaison Officers throughout programme

External:

- All external parties as designated by the authorised manager

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## Type of person suitable for this position

### Qualifications

- In penultimate year of study working towards a New Zealand accredited tertiary qualification in a relevant discipline, such as:
  - Communications, Marketing, Business, Corporate Social Responsibility
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### Experience

- No prior work experience required; *however*, work experience (paid or unpaid) in related field is an advantage.
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### Personal Leadership Behaviour – Team Member

Auckland Council's vision is to create the world's most liveable city, while delivering Aucklanders great value for money. Our high performance behaviours were developed to capture what it means to put our vision in to action:

- **Develop** - We take new approaches to solving old problems; we thrive on challenge; we think big and stay ahead of the game
  - **Serve** - We treat our customers as though they're our friends and neighbours; we make things easy for Aucklanders; we spend ratepayer money wisely
  - **Achieve** - We're accountable; we get stuff done; we achieve real results
  - **Collaborate** - We are one council family and we trust each other; we know that the little things we do can make a big difference; success is a shared goal
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### General competencies

#### *Essential:*

- Ability to write quality material for a range of audiences and channels
- Understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its relationship to Local Government
- Knowledge of tikanga Māori and an ability to relate with iwi and hapu
- Experience using Microsoft Office applications, particularly Excel and Word
- Possess strong verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent time management and organisation skills
- Excellent inter-personal and relationship management skills
- Experience in the Microsoft Office suite
- Excellent attention to detail
- The ability to work well within a team environment is essential
- A keen interest in Sustainability

#### *Desirable:*

- Proficiency in Te Reo and an understanding of Te Ao Māori;
  - An interest in local government
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### Disclaimer

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by incumbents in the assigned job. They are not construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, or skills required of the incumbent. From time to time, personnel may be required to perform duties outside of their normal responsibilities as needed.