

## Senior Policy Planner

Live the dream! Whakatane District Council has an exciting opportunity for a highly-motivated and experienced Senior Policy Planner.

As part of our small team, you will be involved in a wide range of projects, including natural hazard planning and guiding the growth of the district through preparing and implementing a development strategy. In addition to this interesting policy role, you will enjoy a great lifestyle, with access to beautiful beaches and forests, plenty of sun, and hardly any traffic.

We're looking for someone who can provide high-quality strategy and policy advice in all areas of planning and resource management policy development, ensuring that a best practice approach is taken. In conjunction with other team members, this role will undertake research, reporting, development, monitoring and review of plans and strategies, and implement the methods identified in the District Plan. You will need a proven track record in developing strategy and policy planning advice, and a solid understanding of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This role requires effective time management skills; the ability to juggle a range of responsibilities, and mentor a dedicated team of planners; and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with stakeholders, councillors, iwi and hapÅ«, and government and non-government organisations.

***The successful applicant will have:***

- A relevant tertiary qualification in planning, with at least five years' experience working in a planning role
- Significant practical experience in the monitoring and development of District Plans in New Zealand, within a territorial authority
- Strong project management skills
- An understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its implications for local authorities
- Negotiation, mediation, advocacy and consultation skills
- Good knowledge of the Resource Management Act 1991, Local Government Act 2002 and other relevant local government legislation

This is an opportunity to work as part of a motivated, professional and community-focused team. Whakatane District Council is a whanau-orientated organisation.

Work-life balance is important to us, so you'll have time to appreciate our fabulous climate and the lifestyle advantages offered by one of the most beautiful places in New Zealand.

***To apply for this job go to: <http://whakatanecareers.co.nz/> & enter ref code: 4637645. Applications close 16 April 2019***