Senior Policy Planners

Gisborne District Council works together with our communities to make our aspirations happen. The Tairāwhiti community have told us about the importance they place on their environment and their connection to it for identity, culture, work, play and family. It is a key part of our story.

Here at Council, we want to ensure that our suite of resource management plans – our Regional Policy Statement, regional plans for freshwater, land and the coast, and our District Plan (collectively called the 'Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan') are made current and ready for the opportunities, challenges and pressures here and now and in the future.

The review and update of the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan is a major strategic work programme for Council that will span much of the next decade. To make this happen we are currently seeking Senior Policy Planners to join our Strategic Planning Team.

The purpose of the Senior Policy Planner role is to be part of the team to deliver the review programme.

We are seeking to recruit Senior Policy Planners with expertise in, and genuine enthusiasm for:

- Regional planning and policy
- Freshwater planning and policy
- Planning and working with iwi

Ultimately we are about delivering on our vision of Piritahi Tairāwhiti – making our people proud.

To be successful in this role you will demonstrate:

- An understanding of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
- At least four years of experience in a resource management policy planning position within a government agency or the local government sector.
- Previous experience working with statutory planning documents and processes.
- Knowledge of policy development processes and issues identification.
- Skills to engage and collaborate with stakeholders and mana whenua.
- Understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) as it relates to policy development.

You will have a sound understanding of environmental resource management issues, experience working in the RMA planning processes such as plan changes, and a relevant tertiary qualification.

You will also have strong writing and communications skills and the ability to fit into a team working in a dynamic project environment.

This is great opportunity to have a hand in shaping the future of the Tairāwhiti Region.

If this sounds like you, please click and <u>apply now</u> with your resume and cover letter.

Job Description

Please visit our website for further information: www.gdc.govt.nz/council/careers

Applications close by: 10am, Tuesday 20 April 2021.

