# **PERSON SPECIFICATION: GROUP ACCOUNTANT POST REFERENCE: 101100 &101101**

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| * **Educational/vocational/ occupational qualifications and/or training** * **Specific qualifications (or equivalents)** | Qualified CCAB Accountant (F) | Member of CIPFA (F) |
| * **Work or other relevant experience** | Qualified candidates will have significant recent experience in provision of accounting and financial services, including production of revenue and capital budgets, closure of accounts and managing financial aspects of grant funded projects. Experience of supervising staff, team working and working with senior officers in other departments (F) (I)  Experience in interpreting complex financial information and accounting regulations (F) (I)  Experience of closing a set of accounts and the production of a set of Authority’s Statutory accounts (F) (I) (R) | Recent experience of providing accounting and financial services within a Unitary Authority, preferably in relation to Children’s or Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Services (F) (I)  Experience in the application of International Financial Accounting Standard (F) (I) (R) |
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| * **Skills, abilities, knowledge and competencies** | An understanding of Local Government accounting and funding regimes (F) (I)  Technical experience in using accounting techniques to interpret data and financial regulations (F) (I)  Good written and verbal presentational skills (F) (I)  Proficient in the use of financial management systems and advanced Excel functions (F) (I) | An understanding of current financial issues affecting local authorities (F) (I)  Working knowledge of MSWord and PowerPoint packages (F) (I)  Experience of completion of financial returns, including section 251, ASC-FR, RO, RA and Consistent Financial Reporting returns (F,I) | |
| * + **General competencies** | Flexible approach to work to ensure statutory deadlines are met (F) (I) (R)  Ability to deal with people tactfully and diplomatically (I)  Customer care skills (F,I) |  | |
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