

Principal Accountant (Education Funding)

Person Specification

We will use these criteria to assess your suitability for the job.

Essential

1. Fully qualified chartered accountant in either CIPFA, CIMA, ICAEW or ACCA
2. Experience of forecasting, monitoring and reporting on multi-year budgets and assessing financial sustainability
3. Evidence of understanding and explaining complex funding regimes to non-accountants
4. Experience of interpreting and applying relevant technical guidance and regulations
5. Experience of whole system reviews and operational processes with ability to identify opportunities for improvement
6. Highly developed communication skills developing relationships with internal and external partners, including effective written communication, report-writing and presentation skills
7. Evidence of strong analytical skills, with the ability to research, analyse and present complex data and information appropriately to specific audiences
8. Ability to propose, develop and implement effective strategies to reach agreed goals and to make clear, informed, appropriate and timely decisions

9. Experience of providing support and challenge to senior leaders within an organisation
10. Excellent organisational and time management skills, ability to prioritise your own workload and that of others
11. Excellent ICT skills using a wide range of software packages including Microsoft Office (e.g., Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Desirable

1. Knowledge, experience and understanding of current policy, legislation and best practice relating to education funding, including High Needs Block funding, discharge of the Dedicated Schools Grant and schools funding
2. Experience of working in local government or a complex, public sector organisation
3. Experience of providing support and challenge to school leaders
4. Experience of supervising and/or managing people

Our Values

Do you share our values of **proud**, **fair**, and **ambitious**?