ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

JOB DESCRIPTION

DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES **POSTHOLDER**

SECTION PARKS, ESTATES & OPEN SPACES **GRADE** SCALE 5

POST DESIGNATION CLIMBING ARBORIST

REPORTING TO: ARBORIST TEAM LEADER

Purpose of Job:

Responsible to the Arborist Team Leader, to maintain and make safe all trees in the Royal Borough of Greenwich and other contracted areas as required using various tools and equipment. To ensure the safety of the public and workforce at all times in the delivery of an efficient and effective front line service.

Main Duties:

1. To undertake a range of tree care duties including tree pruning, crown reduction, crown lifting, crown thinning, felling (including tree dismantling), use of wood chipper, root pruning, stump grinding, application of stump control, herbicides, etc. as required and in accordance with current British Standards or industry best practice. To ensure at all times the safety of other employees and members of the public and contribute to the delivery of quality systems ISO 9001, 14001 and 18001.

2. To operate and carry out inspections and minor maintenance of tools and equipment (e.g. chainsaws, stump grinders, chippers, hand tools, winches, etc.) and to complete the appropriate records of inspection in line with current LOLER and PUWER Regulations.

3. To drive heavy and non-heavy goods vehicles and operate specialist equipment (e.g. hydraulic platform, lorry mounted crane, tractor or telehandler) as required and where suitably licensed / qualified. To ensure that all driver log sheets are completed and that they comply fully with the requirements set out in the Council Driver's Handbook and the Highway Code.

4. To carry out labouring work in connection with tree care work e.g. dismantling and re-erecting fences, removing and replacing paving slabs, minor tarmac repairs, as well as occasionally breaking up hard surfaces using a hydraulic breaker as necessary.

5. To spray the trees and shrubs with appropriate insecticides / biological agents as required and where suitably qualified. To assist with the management of insect pests where spraying is not considered appropriate e.g. vacuum removal.

6. To carry out a risk assessment of each job and complete appropriate paperwork in the absence of the Arborist Team Leader.

7. As required, carry out bat and / or bird surveys and complete the appropriate report.

8. To carry out any additional duties not listed above, that are commensurate with the grade of the post, as allocated by the Arboricultural Manager and contribute to the overall effectiveness of the Park, Estates and Open Spaces Service.

9. Undertake all duties with due regard to the provisions of health and safety regulations and legislation, the Council's Equality and Diversity and Customer Care policies, and the New Technology agreement.

10. As required, to use new IT / hand held technology correctly as per training provided.

11. To be available to participate in the on-call rota on a 1 week in 4 basis, able to respond to out-of-hours emergencies as and when required.