

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Name of Organisation:

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Fellowship Summary

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council will offer a 3 month placement in its Environmental Health (EH) Department, working to a detailed weekly programme. This is Council's second application; however before local government reorganisation in N Ireland in 2015, one of its four legacy councils, Coleraine Borough Council, hosted 5 Fellowships over the previous 10 year period. Council's experience was that the concepts underpinning it's functions are transferable to the developing world. However the limited resources available in the developing world require a quite different delivery of these concepts to that in the West. The Fellows thus will be encouraged to maintain a weekly work diary; and each week to identify what concepts are applicable in their home work place. At the end of the 3 months, they will be encouraged to develop short and long term programmes for the transfer of these concepts to their home work place.

Weblink for Candidates

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/>

Eligibility

This fellowship is only being offered to candidates who had a previously fellowship interrupted by COVID in 2019.

Proposed Fellowship Dates

12/02/2025 to 14/05/2025

Proposed Activity

A Council line manager has been named for the Fellow. The Fellow will be provided with staff uniform and all EH safety kit.

A Council mentor has also been named.

A mentor with experience of life in Zomba, for the Fellow's evening/weekend social activities has also been named.

Environmental Health (EH) Fellowship Programme

Programme objectives

1.1 Short term

Acquiring skills, concepts and knowledge to enhance the delivery of high-quality EH services in Zomba City.

1.2 Medium term

Developing and applying UK concepts relevant to Zomba City; enhancing the delivery of EH services.

1.3 Long term

Improving the health status of Zomba residents and helping Malawi attain the SD goals on health and environment.

2 Programme

The Fellow will undertake work in the EH Department under supervision. This work will provide an overview of the responsibilities of the EH Department in Causeway Coast and Glens Council. It will provide an understanding of Council's EH Strategic Plan and the drawdown of that Plan into medium/longer term work programmes.

2.1 Food Safety and Hygiene; Weeks 1&2

- a) Conduct inspections in food hygiene for the hygiene rating scheme.
- b) Collect food samples for bacteriological/chemical analysis.
- c) Investigate complaints about food premises in accordance with approved procedures.
- d) Lecture on food hygiene for shops and restaurants staff.
- e) Overview of the role of Food Standards Agency and its relationship to Council's responsibilities.

2.2 Occupational Health and Safety; Week 2&3

- a) Carry out inspection in accordance with approved risk assessment procedures.
- b) Investigate reported accidents and complaints.
- c) Carry out inspections re the Smoking (NI) Order 2006.
- d) Registration of work premises.
- e) Overview of the role of the Health and Safety Executive and its relationship to Council's responsibilities.

2.3 Pollution control; Weeks 3&4

- a) Assess environmental impacts and monitor/sample environmental quality.
- b) Investigate complaints and incidents.

c) Offer advice on environmental controls.

d) Overview of the role of the Environmental Health Agency and its relationship to Council's responsibilities.

2.4 Dog Warden Services; Week 5

a) Management of dogs; licensing, adoption, dog fouling, stray dogs, micro chipping, neutering,

b) Regulation of breeding establishments for dogs.

2.5 Building control; Week 6

a) Inspect buildings.

b) Scrutinise plans.

c) Control dangerous and dilapidated buildings.

d) Providing technical advice.

2.6 Parks and leisure services; Week 7

Overview of the management of parks and burial activities.

2.7 Waste management; Weeks 8&9

a) Overview of landfill site, including charging, leachate management, gas recovery; also Green Waste Recycling site.

b) Overview of Waste Recycling centres and community recycling roles.

c) Overview of plans and legislation and private sector role in waste management.

2.8 Emergency planning; Week 10

Overview of emergency preparedness in context of Emergency Plan.

2.9 Environmental protection; Weeks 11&12

Overview of biodiversity conservation in context of Biodiversity Plan.

Final Report; Week 13

Write up report and revisit any topics of interest.

The Fellow will be expected to attend a number of Council/Committee meetings at which senior staff in the field of EH will be interacting with Councillors.

Priority Theme

Strengthening global peace, security and governance