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# Job description

**Date:** 25 November 2013

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**Department:** City and Neighbourhood Services

**Post ID number:** NPKFF011

**Section:** Neighbourhood Services – Open Spaces and Streetscene

**Job title:** **Playground Inspector**

**Grade:** Grade 3

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## Main purpose of job

To be responsible to the OSS Supervisor or other appropriate officer for the inspection of playgrounds, play equipment, outdoor gym equipment, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's), parks furniture, and surfaces; and to undertake horticultural, minor repair and litter collection duties associated with these facilities to ensure they are maintained to set quality and safety standards.

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## **Summary of responsibilities and personal duties**

### **Driving, use of equipment and associated duties**

1. To adhere to drivers' daily checks and accident/ incident/ vehicle defect procedures including the completion of all required documentation and (tachograph compliance) in an accurate and timely fashion.
2. To be responsible for the basic maintenance of allocated vehicle and ancillary equipment and to keep the vehicle and equipment clean.
3. To load, unload vehicles and move equipment and materials.
4. To use allocated technology and equipment such as digital cameras, communication and information systems, as required to enhance the postholder's ability to undertake their duties effectively and efficiently.
5. To maintain all tools and equipment in a satisfactory condition including the cleaning of garden tools and basic cleaning and maintenance of lawnmowers.
6. To use powered hand tools, light plant and ladders to perform duties as required.

### **Playground inspection and associated duties**

7. To ensure that all playground equipment, outdoor gym equipment, MUGA's, water fountains, parks furniture and surfaces are inspected to a required standard and inspection information is recorded as per schedule, and that all recommended repairs are prioritised, to ensure the required health and safety standards for public use are met.
8. To immobilise and make safe any defects found in playground equipment, parks furniture and playground surfaces, to record and report all defects to the Community Park Manager or other appropriate officer.
9. To collect and safely dispose of all litter (including animal faeces and broken glass) at all the sites allocated to the respective team.
10. To undertake in depth quarterly inspections on playground, outdoor gym equipment, MUGA's and water fountains, water courses, safety and other surfaces and to accompany the council's appointed safety consultant as directed during the annual independent playground, outdoor gym equipment and MUGA inspections.
11. To provide OSS Supervisor or other appropriate officer with all relevant information required for the preparation of statements and reports of evidence, to attend public liability claim hearings which involve the council and to attend legal consultation meetings and court as required.
12. To report to management all accidents, incidents, defects, hazardous equipment, acts of vandalism and other park related incidents or complaints involving staff

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members or members of the public.

13. To advise on council Bye-Laws as required and promote orderly conduct and safety of the public by giving guidance/ advice and dealing with any complaint in relation to the relevant site.
14. To complete all associated paperwork, electronic or otherwise e.g. daily records sheets.
15. To carry out timely and effective minor repairs to parks infrastructure such as play equipment, outdoor gym equipment, MUGA's, fences, surfaces, bins and signs etc.
16. To carry out horticultural operations, for example, grass cutting, pruning within their area of responsibility.
17. To carry out application of chemical weed control methods including calibration of sprayers.
18. To ensure effective communication with site users, other members of the team and line management.
19. To assist in on-the-job training and coaching, including apprentices and work placements.
20. To undergo training as and when required.
21. To ensure that work is carried out in accordance with Health and Safety legislation, including the wearing of appropriate PPE, the council's Child Protection policy and council regulations.
22. To participate in all induction and in-service training provided by Belfast City Council and in the induction and support of all newly appointed staff and other human resource management policies and procedures, as appropriate, including, absence management, disciplinary and grievance procedure.
23. To act in accordance with the council and departmental policies and procedures including customer care, equal opportunities, health and safety, safeguarding and any pertinent legislation.
24. To undertake the duties in such a way as to enhance and protect the reputation and public profile of the council.
25. To undertake such other relevant duties as may from time to time be required.

**This job description has been written at a time of significant organisational change and it will be subject to review and amendment as the demands of the role and the organisation evolve. Therefore, the post-holder will be required to be flexible, adaptable and aware that they may be asked to perform tasks, duties and responsibilities which are not specifically detailed in the job description but which are commensurate with the role.**

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# Employee specification

**Date:** 19 November 2024

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**Department:** City and Neighbourhood Services

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## Essential criteria

### Driving licence and experience

Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms:

(a) have a full, current driving licence which enables them to drive in Northern Ireland, or have access to a form of transport which enables them to carry out the duties of the post in full<sup>1</sup>, (a van will be provided for the purposes of fulfilling the duties of the post); **and**

- be able to demonstrate on the application form, by providing personal and specific examples, that they have at least one year's relevant experience in each of the following areas:
  - (b) dealing directly with members of the public, and
  - (c) maintenance of facilities, that is, adhering to health and safety procedures, cleaning and maintenance and associated administrative duties.

**Please note it will be a condition of appointment that if the successful applicant does not possess the RPII certificate in Playground Inspection they will be required to attend and pass this course (to be arranged).**

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<sup>1</sup> Please be advised that this alternative is a 'reasonable adjustment' specifically for applicants with disabilities who, as a result of their disability, are unable to hold a full, current driving licence. However please also be advised that, given the business need for the post holder to drive council-owned vans on a daily basis in order to fulfil the duties of the post then the 'reasonableness' of this adjustment will be thoroughly considered prior to any appointment being made.

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## **Special skills and attributes**

Applicants **must** also be able to demonstrate on the application form, by providing personal and specific examples, that they possess the following special skills and attributes which may also be tested at interview:

### **Customer care skills**

Good interpersonal skills with an awareness of the importance of customer care. Have regular public contact and is particularly aware of the need to create a good impression to enhance and protect the image of the council.

### **Health and Safety awareness**

A basic understanding of the health and safety responsibilities attached to the post to ensure the safety of members of the public.

### **Oral communication skills**

The ability to communicate effectively with colleagues and line management.

### **Analysis and decision making skills**

The ability to make decisions about individual working at a basic level.

### **Written communication and report writing skills**

The ability to complete standard forms and reports clearly.

### **Organisational and work planning skills**

The ability to prioritise workload to achieve team objectives.

### **Team working skills**

The ability to work both in a team and individually to achieve team objectives.

## **Shortlisting criteria**

In addition to the above driving licence and experience, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list only those applicants who, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, can demonstrate on the application form, by providing personal, specific examples, that they have at least two years' relevant experience in each of the above noted areas (b) and (c)

## **Belfast City Council**

### **Terms and conditions of employment**

#### **Playground Inspector (Grade 3)**

**(There are currently three permanent, full-time posts. Other full-time, part-time, job share, temporary and permanent posts may be filled from a reserve list.)**

#### **Neighbourhood Services – Open Spaces and Streetscene Section**

#### **City and Neighbourhood Services Department**

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#### **Job applicant privacy notice**

Belfast City Council is the Data Controller under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) for the personal data it processes relating to job applicants. Processing data from job applicants allows the council to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm an applicant's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. It may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

If you apply for this job, you will be consensually providing your personal data to the council whose lawful basis for processing it is for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority.

The council will collect a range of information about you, including:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current level of remuneration, which may include benefit entitlements;
- whether or not you have a disability, or if your first language is not English, so that it can make reasonable adjustments, as required, during the recruitment process; and
- information about your entitlement or eligibility to work in the UK.

The council will collect this information in a variety of ways for example, by application forms, through forms of assessment, from interview or from your identity documents. It may also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references, but it will only seek this data if you have been recommended for appointment to the post and it will inform you that it is doing this.

Your personal data will be shared internally within the council with staff who are involved in the recruitment process and, where necessary, between internal departments for the purpose of ensuring a fair, systematic and objective recruitment and selection process is in place. It may also be shared with external consultants appointed by the Council for the purposes of candidate attraction and selection, or for the purpose of language interpretation where appropriate.

Your personal data will not be shared or disclosed to any other organisation without your consent unless the law permits or places an obligation on the council to do so. Your data will be stored in a range of different places including the recruitment file, the HR information management system and other IT systems such as email. It will be held and stored by the council in a safe and secure manner in compliance with data protection legislation and in line with the council's Records Retention and Disposal Schedule.

The Council is also required to collect more sensitive personal data (known as special category personal data) in order to monitor applications for equal opportunities purposes. The equality monitoring information is removed from your application pack before your job application is considered, and is retained in compliance with the council's Records Retention and Disposal Schedule. Your sensitive personal data will not be shared without your consent unless the law permits or places an obligation on the Council to do so.

As a data subject, you have a number of rights. These include your right to:

- access and obtain a copy of your personal data on request;
- require the council to change incorrect or incomplete personal job applicant data; and
- require the council to delete or restrict processing your data.

If you have any queries regarding the processing of your personal data, please email [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) If you wish to contact the council's Data Protection Officer, please write to Belfast City Council, City Hall Belfast, BT1 5GS or send an email to [dataprotection@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@belfastcity.gov.uk)

Please see further details of the terms and conditions relating to this post set out below:

### **Appointment**

The appointment will be made by the selection panel, but will be subject to ratification by the director of the relevant department.

**There are currently three permanent, full-time posts in various locations (as detailed in the application form).**

There may be a reserve list of applicants drawn up for this post which would last for a maximum of 12 months. Should a similar post become vacant within this time, it may be offered to those on the reserve list, in order of merit, without further interview. For generic-type posts, this may include posts in another department. **These posts may be either full-time, part-time or job share on a permanent, temporary or fixed-term basis.**

If you are offered and you accept a temporary position e.g. a temporary part-time position for 3 months, and another temporary part-time position arises from the same recruitment campaign e.g. for 1 year, regardless of whether or not you are still working in your temporary part-time position, you will not be offered any further temporary part-time position.

However, in certain circumstances, when all relevant applicants on the reserve list for temporary vacancies, full-time or part-time, have been offered opportunities for which they expressed a preference on their application form, and if the timing of the reserve list is still valid and there are still temporary vacancies to fill before the reserve list expires, the council reserves the right to 'revisit' the reserve list in strict order of merit. This is the only time when an individual who has been appointed to a temporary position e.g. a temporary part-time position can be offered another temporary part-time position.

If a similar post does become vacant within this time, it will be offered to candidates on the reserve list in the following way:

1. Candidates will be initially contacted by telephone and **must** respond within three working days to accept or decline the post.
2. Candidates who cannot be contacted by telephone will be contacted by letter and **must** respond by telephone or by return of acceptance form within five working days of the date of the letter.

If candidates do not respond within the above time frames, the post will be offered, in order of merit, to the next person on the reserve list. The names of those candidates who have not responded within the above timeframes will be retained on the reserve list, in order of merit, to be considered for future vacant posts.

However, if candidates have been contacted on three separate occasions, and they have not responded within the above timeframes on these three occasions, the council will assume that they are no longer interested in the post and their names will be removed from the reserve list.

Should your contact telephone numbers or your address change since you submitted your application form, it is your responsibility to notify the HR Employee Resourcing Unit by emailing [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) with your new contact details.

## **Job details**

Job description: please refer to the job description for details of the duties of the post.

Employee specification: please refer to the attached employee specification for details of any licences, experience etc. which are required for the post. Should an applicant be recommended for appointment to this post, they will be required to produce official original proof of any licences etc. they relied upon to support their application. Please also be advised that an applicant must provide evidence to demonstrate that they were in possession of such qualifications, licences etc. at the closing date for applications.

**The employee specification for this post requires candidates to have a full, current driving licence which enables them to drive in Northern Ireland, or, access to a form of transport which enables them to meet the requirements of the post in full. Please be advised that this alternative is a 'reasonable adjustment' specifically for applicants with disabilities who, as a result of their disability, are unable to hold a full, current driving licence. However please also be advised that, given the business need for the post-holder to drive council-owned vans on a daily basis in order to fulfil the duties of the post the 'reasonableness' of this adjustment will be thoroughly considered prior to any appointment being made.**

## **Remuneration**

The salary will be determined by the council in line with that determined by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services, currently Grade 3, SCP 10 to 13, £26,835 - £28,163 per annum, with weekend enhancement and shift allowance where appropriate (in normal circumstances, the starting salary is the minimum point), paid fortnightly by direct payment by the Bankers Automated Clearing System (BACS) to a bank or building society account of your choice.

**The council reserves the right to transfer the post-holder onto monthly pay by BACS at any stage in the future without payment.**

## **Location**

The person appointed will be based initially in an area in which they are prepared to work (as indicated on their application form) but will be required to work in and visit other locations as operationally required. (Please see application form for list of areas and current vacancies).

Please note, the City and Neighbourhood Services Department reserves the right to transfer the person appointed to any other area depending on operational requirements.

## **Pre-employment checks**

Prior to taking up duty the person recommended for appointment must:

- (a) Enter into an agreement which sets out the main terms and conditions of employment.
- (b) Provide evidence of the right to work and reside in the UK via either:
  - a digital identity check via the council's Identity Service Provider (IDSP). To use this method, you will need to hold a current UK or Irish biometric passport or passport card.
  - or
  - an original full UK birth certificate and original proof of national insurance number (for example, via national insurance card, P45 or payslip etc). No temporary national insurance numbers can be accepted.Individuals who do are unable to provide evidence of their right to work and reside in the UK via either of the methods above, must inform the council and a list of any official alternative documentation will be made available to them.
- (c) Produce official evidence of their driving licence (both parts) as required. Please be advised that candidates must provide evidence to demonstrate that they were in possession of them at the closing date for applications.
- (d) Provide details of the bank or building society account to which their salary or wage will be lodged.
- (e) Pass satisfactorily a medical assessment by the council's Occupational Health Service provider.
- (f) Complete a disclosure of family relationships form.



(g) Complete a disclosure of criminal convictions form, under the Rehabilitation of Offenders (NI) Order 1978. All applicants who are recommended for appointment to a post within Belfast City Council must provide details in respect of any criminal convictions which are not regarded as 'spent' convictions. Any disclosed convictions will be taken into account only when the conviction is considered relevant to the post and will be seen in the context of the job, the nature of the offence and the responsibility for the care of existing client/customer and employees.

**If the person appointed acquires a conviction throughout the course of their employment with Belfast City Council, they must bring this to the attention of their line manager/departmental HR representative. Failure to comply with this request can result in a breach of the terms and conditions of employment and may result in sanction or dismissal. Any information will be dealt with confidentially and help is available.**

Please note that if an applicant is recommended for appointment, they must complete the pre-employment checks, outlined above, within 10 working days or consideration will be given to withdrawing the recommendation for appointment and no formal offer of appointment will be made. An employee currently undertaking a temporary project/cover/review post will not be able to continue working for the remaining duration of this temporary post prior to taking up a permanent post, even if this temporary post is of a higher grade.

**Council policies**

The person appointed will be required to comply with all current and future council policies, procedures, guidelines, agreed working practices and any relevant collective agreements incorporated into the contract of employment.

**Conditions**

The general conditions of service as prescribed from time to time by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services and by the council for its officers shall apply to the appointment and the Single Status Implementation Agreement dated 2007 as renegotiated from time to time is hereby incorporated into the contract of employment.

*A copy of the council's Disciplinary Procedure and Grievance Procedure will be issued to all new employees at the council's Induction Course.*

Please note if you are an applicant with previous local authority service in England, Scotland, Wales etc., you are advised to clarify your particular situation with regard to the continuity of this service, prior to accepting an offer of appointment from Belfast City Council.

**Service and hours of duty**

The hours of duty are 37 per week, as per the following shift rota:

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	7.30am - 3.30pm	7.30am - 3pm	OFF	7.30am - 3.30pm	7.30am - 3.30pm	7.30am - 3.30pm	OFF
2	OFF	7.30am - 3pm	7.30am - 3.30pm	7.30am - 3.30pm	7.30am - 3.30pm	OFF	7.30am - 3.30pm
3	7.30am - 3.30pm	7.30am - 3pm	7.30am - 3.30pm	OFF	OFF	7.30am - 3.30pm	7.30am - 3.30pm

but, when advised, you will be required for operational reasons to work outside of these hours including on extra statutory, bank and/or public holidays.

In accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service variations to the established working week or patterns of work will be reasonable and subject to adequate notice.

## Annual leave

Annual leave and extra statutory, bank or public holiday entitlement is calculated in hours/minutes.

A person appointed on the standard full time hours of 37 per week will be entitled to 177.6 hours (24 days) annual leave, plus 88.8 hours (12 days) bank or other holidays.

Annual leave entitlement will be increased by 37 hours (5 days) in the case of officers who have not less than 5 years' continuous service and by a further 22.2 hours (3 days) in the case of officers who have not less than 10 years' continuous service.

Figures in brackets represent the number of days based upon a standard day of 7.4 hrs.

For individuals who do not work the standard full-time hours, annual leave and extra statutory, bank or public holiday entitlement will be calculated on pro-rata basis to their contracted hours, based on the standard full time hours of 37 per week and a standard day of 7.4 hours (i.e. 7 hrs 24 minutes).

Employees are entitled to a holiday with a normal day's pay for each of the statutory, general and public holidays as they occur. Where the balance of the employee's public / bank and statutory holiday entitlement has been exhausted, additional leave taken for public / bank and statutory holidays will be deducted from the employee's annual leave entitlement.

All employees required to work on extra statutory, bank or public holidays will be remunerated in accordance with Part 3, paragraph 2 of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service.

The leave year commences on 1 April. If an employee starts part way through the annual leave year, the employee will receive annual leave entitlement on a pro rata basis, calculated on the number of days remaining in the current leave year from the first day of employment.

## Sick leave

This scheme is intended to supplement Statutory Sick Pay and Incapacity Benefit so as to maintain normal pay during defined periods of absence on account of sickness, disease, accident or assault. Absence in respect of normal sickness is entirely separate from absence through industrial disease, accident or assault arising out of or in the course of employment with a local authority. Periods of absence in respect of one shall not be set off against the other for the purpose of calculating entitlements under the scheme. Employees are entitled to receive sick pay for the following periods:

During first year of service	one month's full pay and (after completing four months service) two months half pay
During second year of service	two months' full pay, and two months' half pay
During third year of service	four months' full pay, and four months' half pay
During fourth and fifth years of service	five months' full pay, and five months' half pay
After five years' service	six months' full pay, and six months' half pay

## Superannuation

The person appointed will automatically become a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) LGPS (NI) in line with scheme regulations. They may opt out of the scheme. However, the council is required to comply with automatic enrolment provisions and will automatically enroll the person appointed at certain times. Appointees (including for casual posts), who do not meet the criteria for immediate automatic enrolment, can opt to join the scheme by contacting Payroll in writing (email [payroll@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:payroll@belfastcity.gov.uk)). The LGPS (NI) is administered by Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC) ([www.nilgosc.org.uk](http://www.nilgosc.org.uk)).

## Travel

A van may be provided from time to time in order to carry out some of the duties of the post.

## Uniform

Uniform clothing will be issued by the relevant department. The wearing of such uniform clothing will be a pre-requisite of appointment and it must only be worn whilst on duty. Only in exceptional circumstances will items be replaced. All items of clothing and other issued equipment will remain the property of the relevant department. Facilities for changing and storage will be available.

## Canvassing

Canvassing in any form, oral or written, direct or indirect, will disqualify an applicant for appointment. Candidates can, however, contact the relevant department for further information about the post. The person from the relevant department who provides further information should not be a member of the selection panel.

## Notice

The minimum period of notice to be given by an employee shall normally be the ordinary period from one payment of salary or wages to the next.

Belfast City Council may terminate an employee's employment with the council by giving the following period of notice:

### Continuous service

One month or more but less than two years

Two years or more but less than twelve years

12 years or more

### Period of notice

Not less than one week

Not less than one week for each year of continuous service

Not less than 12 weeks

## Probationary period

The person appointed may be required to complete a six month probationary period, if this is a requirement of the relevant department, and during this time one week's notice will be given by the council to terminate employment.

## Interview expenses

Reimbursement of interview expenses is not available.

## Receipt of applications

Completed applications must be received by [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) by 4pm on **Monday 9 December 2024**.

Please note that it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that their application form is submitted and received in the Human Resources Section via [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) by this closing date and time. Application forms must be submitted as an email attachment. Due to the council's Computer Use Policy and security protocols, storage services such as SkyDrive are not accessible. Applications submitted as a link to a storage service will not be accepted. No late application forms will be considered. No application forms, or supporting information in respect of an already submitted application form, will be considered after this date and time. Applications will not be accepted by fax. **We are unable to issue or receive any hard copy application forms, either by post or hand-delivered.**

## Short-listing and interview date

It is envisaged that short-listing for this post will take place on **Wednesday, 11 December 2024** It is also envisaged that interviews will be held via MS Teams on **Monday 6, and, or Tuesday, 7 January 2025** (depending on number of applicants).

The council will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate applicants who are unavailable on the specified interview date but it is under no obligation to do so.

## Belfast City Council

Application for appointment as:

### Playground Inspector (Grade 3)

(There are currently three permanent, full-time posts. Other full-time, part-time, job share, temporary and permanent posts may be filled from a reserve list.)

**Neighbourhood Services – Open Spaces and Streetscene Section**

**City and Neighbourhood Services Department**

Name of Applicant:

Address:

The closing date for applications is **4pm on Monday, 9 December 2024.**

Completed application forms should be emailed to [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) and you will receive an automatic acknowledgement reply when your application has been received. If you don't receive an automatic acknowledgement reply within 30 minutes, please email [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) again to query this and, or confirm receipt of your application form (office hours are normally Mon-Thurs 8.30am-5pm, Fri 8.30am-4.30pm). You must receive an automatic acknowledgement reply **before** the closing date and time as we will not be able to accept applications that are sent but not received before the closing date and time.

**Please note we are unable to issue or receive any hard copy application forms either by post or hand delivered. All application forms must be emailed to [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk)**

**If you have a disability and require any reasonable adjustments, or your first language is not English and you require any assistance with any aspect of our recruitment and selection process, please email [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk)**

**Belfast City Council is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all sections of the community**



In addition to filling the immediate vacancies, we also intend to create a reserve list of successful applicants, in strict order of merit based on performance at interview. We anticipate that this list will last for 12 months, or until it is exhausted, whichever is sooner.

Therefore, should a similar post to the immediate vacancies become available within this time we may offer it to those on the reserve list, in order of merit, without further interview.

**These posts may be either on a permanent or temporary (including fixed term) basis and may be working full-time, part-time or job share hours.**

Please indicate below whether you would be interested in a permanent or temporary (including fixed term) post working full-time, part-time or job share hours by ticking the appropriate box.

**If you are interested in both permanent and temporary (including fixed term) positions, please tick (✓) both boxes.**

**Contract type:**

**Permanent**  **Temporary (including fixed term)**

**Hours of work:**

**Full-time**  **Part-time**  **Job share**

You can apply for all positions and, if appointed to the reserve list, you will be considered for permanent and temporary vacancies and for full-time, part-time and job share hours.

If you apply for all positions, you can accept an offer of temporary employment without giving up your right to be considered for a permanent post. Similarly, you can accept a post working part-time hours without giving up your right to be offered a post working full-time hours.

**It is important to note: If you are placed on the reserve list, you will only be offered vacant posts on the basis of the information you have provided above. For example, if you have ticked that you are applying for a permanent position only and a temporary position becomes available, we will not offer you this temporary post. Similarly, if you have ticked that you wish to be considered for full-time hours only and a part-time post becomes available, we will not offer you this part-time post.**

## Neighbourhood Services: Open Spaces and Streetscene Section

Below is a list of all areas which are applicable to the Playground Inspectors in Neighbourhood Services Section.

If you indicate an interest in all areas and we appoint you to the reserve list, we will consider you for all vacancies in all areas.

We will only offer you vacancies in the areas in which you have expressed an interest in working in.

In the boxes provided, please number, **in order of preference** (number 1 being your first choice, 2 being your second choice, and so on), the location(s) in which you would like to work.

**Please note we will offer the choice of locations to candidates in order of merit based on performance at interview.**

**We will endeavour to place successful candidates in their preferred location, but we cannot guarantee that this will be possible.**

<b>Neighbourhood Services: Open Spaces and Street Scene Area</b>	<b>Please indicate your preference of area i.e. with 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5</b> <b>For example: South = 3</b>
<b>Central</b> (Currently 0 vacancies)	
<b>North</b> (Currently 2 vacancies)	
<b>East</b> (Currently 0 vacancies)	
<b>South</b> (Currently up to 0 vacancy)	
<b>West</b> (Currently up to 1 vacancy)	

\*Please note other posts may be filled from a reserve list in other sites within each area.

**Section 1: Personal details**

Are you currently employed by Belfast City Council?

Yes  No

If yes, please enter your staff number:

Have you been previously employed by Belfast City Council?

Yes  No

If yes, please state your reason for leaving:

**1. Your details**

(a) Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Mx, Dr etc)

(b) Forenames:

(c) Preferred name:

(d) Surname:

**2. Contact details**

(a) Telephone number:

(b) Email address:

(c) Address 1:

(d) Address 2:

(e) Town:

(f) County:

(g) Postcode:

**3. Other information**

National insurance number:



**Section 2: Employment history**

**4.**

(a) Details of current employment and current position held:

Name and address of current employer (if any):	Exact date employment commenced (dd/mm/yyyy):	Position held with current employer:	Salary:

(b) Details of previous employment and positions held:

Name and address of previous employer(s):	From: (dd/mm/yyyy)	To: (dd/mm/yyyy)	Position(s) held:	Salary:

### Section 3: Driving licence and experience

5.

- (a) Do you hold a full, current driving licence which enables you to drive in Northern Ireland, or, access, to a form of transport which enables you to meet the requirements of the post in full?\*

\*Please be advised that this alternative is a 'reasonable adjustment' specifically for applicants with disabilities who, as a result of their disability, are unable to hold a full, current driving licence.

Yes  No

If you have answered yes to the above question, please also provide details of your driving licence number, start and expiry dates:

Licence number: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must complete the application form in either typescript (Arial font size 11) or legible handwriting using black ink. You must limit your text in this section, i.e. (b) to (c), to no more than one A4 page per criterion. You must not use continuation sheets. If you submit more than one page per criterion, the short-listing panel will only consider the first page of information and you may not be short-listed.**

Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, that they meet the experience as stated in the employee specification.

#### Essential criteria

Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form that they have at least one year's relevant experience in each of the following areas:

- (b) dealing directly with members of the public, and
- (c) maintenance of facilities, that is, adhering to health and safety procedures, cleaning and maintenance and associated administrative duties.

**Please note it will be a condition of appointment that if the successful applicant does not possess the RPII certificate in Playground Inspection they will be required to attend and pass this course (to be arranged).**

#### Short-listing criteria

In addition to the above driving licence and experience, applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form that they have at least two years' relevant experience in each of the above noted areas (b) and (c).

**In boxes (b) and (c) please provide the following detail:**

(b) You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years' experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail how often you have dealt with members of the public; in what capacity; the type of dealings you have had; any issues which you encountered; how you have effectively dealt with these issues; etc.

(c) You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years' experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the types of facilities you have experience of operating in; your duties and responsibilities in relation to these facilities; the health and safety procedures that you are aware of and how you ensure your own safety and the safety of members of the public; your understanding of health and safety legislation and requirements; the cleaning and maintenance work you have done; the range of administrative duties you have carried out; etc.

**(b)**

Please demonstrate in this box, by providing personal and specific examples, that you have at least one year's relevant experience in dealing directly with members of the public.  
**(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list only those applicants who can demonstrate at least two years' relevant experience in this area)**

Continuation sheets must not be used

**(c)**

Please demonstrate in this box, by providing personal and specific examples, that you have at least one year's relevant experience in maintenance of facilities, that is, adhering to health and safety procedures, cleaning and maintenance and associated administrative duties.

**(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list only those applicants who can demonstrate at least two years' relevant experience in this area)**

Continuation sheets must not be used

**Section 4: Other information**

6. Notice required to terminate present position:

I certify that the above information is correct and understand that any false or misleading information, if proved, may result in no further action being taken on this application, or, if appointed, dismissal from the service of the council.

Signed:

Date:

**Equal opportunity monitoring form**

HR Reference number: 0000002900/

Belfast City Council is committed to ensuring that all eligible persons have equality of opportunity for employment and advancement in the council on the basis of ability, qualifications and aptitude for the work. To ensure the effective implementation of the Equal Opportunities Policy all applicants are requested to complete the following questionnaire. This questionnaire will be removed from your application form and will be strictly controlled in accordance with the Code of Practice on Monitoring agreed with Trade Unions.

**This questionnaire will not be seen by either the short-listing or interview panels.**

**Personal details:****Date of birth:****Gender Identity:****What best describes your gender?**Man  Woman  Non-binary  Prefer not to say I use another term (for example, Intersex), please specify: **Do you consider yourself to be trans\* or transgender\*\*?**Yes  No  Unsure  Prefer not to say 

\* Trans can be used as an umbrella term to describe people whose gender is not the same as, nor does it sit comfortably with, the sex they were assigned at birth. Trans people may describe themselves using one or more of a wide variety of terms e.g. transgender, transsexual, gender-queer (GQ), gender-fluid, non-binary, crossdresser, genderless. The use of trans as an umbrella term may not be acceptable to all transgender people.

\*\* Someone who intends to transition, is transitioning or has transitioned from the gender they were assigned at birth.

**Family status:**Married  Single Divorced  Separated Widowed  Cohabitant Civil partnership  Dissolved civil partnership Prefer not to answer Other, please specify **Ethnic origins:**White  Indian Pakistani  Bangladeshi Chinese  Irish Traveller Black African  Black Caribbean Prefer not to answer Black other, please specify Mixed ethnic group, please specify specify Other, please specify 

Please state your nationality or citizenship (for example, British, Irish, Polish):

**Official use only:**Dob Gender Identity Status Ethnic origin Nation

**Persons with and without a disability:**

A person has a disability if they have “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities” (Disability Discrimination Act, 1995)

**Do you, in accordance with the above, have a disability?**

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

Disability

If yes, please state nature of disability:

**If No, have you ever had a disability?**

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

History

While the selection panel will be made aware that you have a disability for the purposes of operating the Guaranteed Interview Scheme, they will not know the nature of your disability or if you need any reasonable adjustments as part of the recruitment and selection process unless you advise them.

Therefore, if you require any reasonable adjustments as part of the recruitment and selection process, please outline them:

If you wish to discuss any of this information further or you require any further clarification about the Guaranteed Interview Scheme, please feel free to contact our Helpline on **(028) 9027 0640** and we will be happy to help.

In addition, if you are aware of any adjustments that you will require, should you be successful in obtaining the job, please outline them:

**Official use only:**

**Persons with and without dependants:**

**If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) below- you may tick more than one box**

Do you look after or are you responsible for caring for anyone? Yes  No

Dependants

**If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) below- you may tick more than one box**

Children  Relative  A person with a disability   
Prefer not to answer   
Other, please specify:

**Sexual orientation:**

**What best describes your sexual orientation?**

Bi   
Gay/lesbian   
Heterosexual/straight   
Prefer not to say   
I use another term, please specify:

Orientation

**Religious affiliation or community background:**

The council is required by The Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998 to monitor the perceived religious affiliation or community background of its employees and applicants. In accordance with the Monitoring Regulations 1999, we are asking you to indicate the community to which you belong by ticking the appropriate box below:

I am a member of the Protestant community   
I am a member of the Roman Catholic community   
I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Roman Catholic communities   
Prefer not to answer

Code   
Method

**Please note:** If you do not complete this section, we are encouraged to use the 'residuary' method, which means that we can make a determination on the basis of personal information on your application form.

**Religious belief or tradition:**

Please specify your religious belief, for example, Christian, Hindu, Muslim:   
No religious belief   
Not disclosed

Religious belief

**Additional information:**

To monitor the effectiveness of our advertising, please indicate where you saw this job advertised:

Belfast Telegraph  Irish News  Newsletter   
Sunday Life  Specialist journal  LinkedIn   
Council trawl  Council website  Nijobfinder.co.uk   
Facebook  Twitter  Word of mouth   
Department of Learning, Jobs and Benefits  Executive search  Localgovernmentjobsni.gov.uk   
Other, please state where: