

Introduction

from the Director of Learning and Skills



Thank you for your interest in the Head of ALN and Wellbeing role. We are an organisation that thinks long-term and is committed to building a legacy of vibrant and sustainable communities in the Vale. We have set out our vision for strong communities with a bright future in our corporate plan, along with our four overarching wellbeing objectives:

- To work with and for our communities
- To support learning, employment and sustainable economic growth
- To support people at home and in their community
- To respect, enhance and enjoy our environment

As Director of Learning and Skills, it is my role to support the Chief Executive in the delivery of this plan. I believe passionately that public service is about working to foster strong communities, to safeguard those that are vulnerable, to give people greater life choices, and help everybody to achieve their potential.

We are a consistently high performing local authority with a strong record of achievement across service areas. Estyn inspection outcomes for schools in the Vale of Glamorgan are strong with no schools in an Estyn follow up category. Our Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme has seen extensive capital investment across our school estate including the delivery of Wales's first Zero Carbon school. In recent years, the provision of facilities for pupils with ALN has been central to our programme with investment in specialist resource bases, a new Centre of Learning and Wellbeing and a new primary phase special school building in the pipeline.

We have made excellent progress with implementing the ALN Act and are working closely with partners to support schools to embed the Whole School Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing. I am looking to appoint an energetic and experienced person to lead this work as well as the wider development of ALN and wellbeing services.

Although Councils are working in evermore challenging times, there are exciting opportunities for you to shape and influence service delivery in your own area, across the Council and with partners. This role requires someone who understands the context within which we are working and is as passionate about working to achieve better outcomes for our citizens as we are.

If this sounds like you, I would welcome an informal conversation about the role. You can contact me on 07715 252109 or pham@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,

Paula Ham
Director of Learning and Skills

