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Dear Potential Applicant

Head of Environment and Sustainability

Thanks for your interest, I am pleased our advert for Head of Environment and Sustainability at Forest of Dean District Council caught your eye and made you want to learn more about this fantastic opportunity for the right person to play a pivotal role in shaping our district's future and its ongoing success as a Fairer Greener Forest.

Located at the border where England surrenders to Wales our district is already a special place and somewhere we're proud to call home. Parts of it are simply awe-inspiring. It will be great if your leadership, energy and passion are the same.

Your positive and progressive leadership will help foster resilient and inclusive communities that are motivated and competent to adapt to the challenges posed by the climate and nature emergencies. You will understand how regenerative practices can have a real impact on social, economic and environmental wellbeing, you will quickly be recognised as a valued and respected system leader within both Gloucestershire and beyond.

As a key member of our corporate management team your leadership skills will play its part in fostering an inclusive and energetic organisational DNA, where we're well recognised for supportive, collaborative relationships with members, colleagues and partners.

The Council is hugely aspirational for its communities and wants someone who can drive forward further improvements and keep a strong focus on high quality services and outcomes for its residents, businesses and visitors. For example, Forest of Dean was the first district council in England to declare a climate emergency; and is the only UK representative in the EU-funded AURORA project, empowering a new generation of near zero-emission citizens.

We have just had a positive LGA Corporate Peer Challenge, which recognised our fantastic staff and their passion for the district; our high levels of ambition; and our focus on continued improvement. If our engagement, inclusion and kindness values resonate with you and you are interested in joining a strong and aspiring council that will provide you with some great opportunities to grow and reach your full potential, please take a good look at the recruitment pages. If you choose to apply, I wish you every success!

If you are appointed, a natural playground awaits you in your downtime. Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat or an action-packed adventure, the Forest of Dean truly is a place where you find your freedom.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for an informal and confidential discussion on the role – andy.barge@fdean.gov.uk .

Best wishes

Andy Barge
Director of Communities and Place