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Dear Potential Applicant

Head of Place

Thanks for your interest in the Head of Place at Forest of Dean District Council. This is a 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 meets Wales our district is a very special place and somewhere we are proud to call home. Parts of it are simply awe-inspiring, it will be great if your leadership, energy and passion are likewise.

Your positive and progressive leadership will help activate, animate and shape our thriving communities. You will understand how you can have a real impact on social, economic and environmental wellbeing in its broadest sense and you will need to be capable of quickly being recognised as a valued and respected system leader within Gloucestershire and beyond.

As a key member of our corporate management team your leadership skills will play their part in fostering an inclusive and energetic organisational DNA, where we are 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. You understand the need and opportunity to engage our communities in shaping the Forest's future. You will bring an energy to and animate the strategic intent of 'Our Plan' – the draft Local Plan 2041 - so we are all working together for a better future.

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 can 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