



## Chard Town Council

### **TOWN CLERK**

**SCP 39-43 (2019/20 scale)**

**£41,675-£45,591**

**plus local government benefits package**

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in managing the next phase of the development of a proactive Town Council in South Somerset. The successful candidate will work with the newly elected Council to manage the enterprise and develop and implement plans for the future

Chard has a population of approximately 14,000 people. It is an Industrial market Town set in South Somerset close to the borders with Devon and Dorset. The Town Council operates in a number of areas including Cemetery, Allotments, Green Space Management, Chard Guildhall and undertakes Street Cleansing under an Agency Agreement. This is in addition to a range of typical Local Council functions. The Precept in 2019/20 is £630,000 and the Total Budgeted Expenditure is £945,000. It is likely that the incoming council will wish to establish a focus on environmental policy and community development.

This is a real opportunity for an experienced, solutions focussed leader who is dynamic, innovative and resilient and who will pragmatically seek to meet the aspirations of the Councillors and the people of Chard.

You will need to be able to provide strong leadership and build a wide range of positive working relationships with councillors, the workforce and partner organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors.

You may be an experienced Local Council Officer with knowledge, experience and status as a qualified Clerk. However, you may also have a successful track record elsewhere in Local Government or a legal or finance background in the commercial/private sector and are prepared to quickly qualify as a Town Clerk.

Like all Town Councils, Chard will face its budgetary pressures and rising demand for services. It is therefore essential that you have the vision to provide advice and strategic direction which will lead the town council through exciting times of challenge and opportunity in the future.

For a recruitment pack and application form please contact Nick Randle, Interim Town Clerk at [townclerk@chard.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@chard.gov.uk) **Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**