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WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF BEING AN APPRENTICESHIP?

I previously completed an apprenticeship back in 1998 (Level 3 Business Administration) so I understood how valuable an apprenticeship could be to any future career. I wanted to expand my skill set in relation to management, so I made enquiries surrounding the Institute of Leadership and Management qualifications. I was pleased to see that these courses were offered in an apprenticeship format.

HAS THE PANDEMIC CHANGED THE WAY YOU WORK?

Working on an apprenticeship qualification whilst working for Local Government is challenging at the best of times. The challenge has increased with the recent pandemic which has meant that we are busier than ever offering support to critical services. I started my apprenticeship in March 2020 just as the pandemic started. This has made my progress slower than I would have hoped but I am receiving excellent support from my employer.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF DOING AN APPRENTICESHIP?

The flexibility of an apprenticeship is the main benefit. The work can be completed at a time that suits you and works around your work schedule. Apprenticeships are a good development route for your career as you learn whilst working.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER FINISHING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?

Within the next 5 years, I would like to move into the manager position within my current team and continue to be involved in a highly successful and rewarding environment. My apprenticeship qualification will provide me with the skills and knowledge to support this.

WHY WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TAKING ON AN APPRENTICESHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

I would recommend an apprenticeship in Local Government because of the diversity that this offers. Local Government cover a wide range of services which offers apprentices a wide range of knowledge and skills in several areas.