

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTORAL SERVICES

CANVASSER JOB DESCRIPTION

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Job Title: Canvasser

Job Purpose: To assist in delivering canvass communications and adequately attempt to complete the household registration according to the requirements of the annual canvass.

Reports to: Electoral Services Officer on behalf of the Electoral Registration Officer.

You must not be employed by or on behalf of any political party or candidate including in a voluntary/unpaid capacity. You must remain politically neutral.

Specific duties and responsibilities:

1. Attend Electoral Services canvass training.
2. Visit assigned households within your canvass area to complete their canvass household response.
3. Where no contact can be made with a property, you will mark the necessary response on the tablet canvassing app and post an encouragement card.
4. Represent the council in a positive manner and explain to members of the community the importance of the annual canvass.
5. Clearly record information about elector responses, property changes (i.e. identifying new properties, properties that no longer exist or inaccessible properties)
6. Manage your time efficiently in order to meet the deadlines of the annual canvass.

1. Work co-operatively with electoral services
2. Comply with procedures and policies outlined by the ERO
3. Comply with the statutory provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and any specific personal safety guidance that is given.
4. Ensure that any information given is handled securely and only used for the purpose of electoral services
5. Take responsibility for assigned equipment, handle with care and only use for the purposes of the annual canvass.

This job description reflects the present requirements of the role and should not be seen as an exhaustive list of responsibilities.

Duties may be refined or developed in consultation with Electoral Services.

Privacy Statement

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