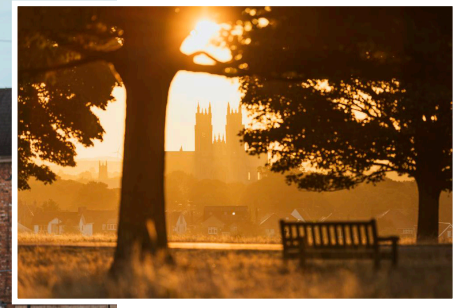
East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Chief Executive

Looking for an opportunity to join a local authority with firm foundations, a strong reputation and huge ambitions for the future?

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is looking to recruit a Chief Executive with vision and ambition for a future focused authority.

Due to the planned retirement of the current Interim Chief Executive, following a lengthy service of 50 years in local government, a vacancy has arisen bringing with it a great opportunity for the candidate to put their own stamp on the changes ahead.

The East Riding covers more than 900 square miles and serves 350,000 residents across coastal and rural communities, popular market towns, seaside resorts and industrial hubs. Like many councils, it faces a rising demand in adult social care and children's services but despite the challenges remains in a far better financial position than most and continues to deliver a balanced budget.



Cllr Anne Handley – leader, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Whoever becomes the next Chief Executive of East Riding of Yorkshire Council will arrive at a time of major organisational change. The council is currently undertaking a comprehensive transformation programme which is looking at how the council and its services can be shaped to respond to future challenges and opportunities.

In February 2025, the Government confirmed the establishment of Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority, and the first Mayoral Elections for the Combined Authority area will take place on Thursday, 1 May 2025. With fresh funding and a heightened profile likely to follow. The new Chief Executive will be a significant link between East Riding and Hull, the new Combined Authority and Elected Mayor.

Councillor Anne Handley, leader of the council said: 'The East Riding is a unique and varied place which we're all proud to live and work in.

'We are looking to for somebody that can come with ambition and vision to drive forward our change process and deliver a council for the future.'

'Working closely with the cabinet, the Chief Executive will be expected to examine every area of the local authority for opportunities to drive efficiency and deliver better services for residents.

'The transformation programme we have embarked on is about getting the best out of the workforce and delivering the right services in the right places at the right time. That's why we want a Chief Executive who is a strong leader, capable of uniting the workforce around a clear vision that they can be passionate about and lead them to own and embrace the vision to make transformation happen.'

Applications for the role of Chief Executive are now open and will close on Monday, 31 March.

Councillor Handley added: 'Financially we are a stable organisation, we are an authority that employees are proud to work for and which residents hold in high regard. We're looking forward to appointing a new Chief Executive who can build on this and bring their own perspective to the role.' ■

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Chief Executive Salary £181,643 - £191,078

The East Riding of Yorkshire is thriving, with one of the fastest growing economies in the North. As a hub for green energy, we are a leading location for renewables, complementing our established industries in manufacturing, agriculture and food production. Adding to this we have a growing billion pound tourism economy, meaning we are perfectly positioned to capitalise on the government's plans for devolution and funding reform, maximising benefit for our residents, businesses and visitors as part of the newly created Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority.

With our expansive stretch of coastline, breathtaking countryside and diverse communities connected via our many towns, villages and resorts, we are a large and successful unitary council, clearly focused on the future and delivering great services to our residents and communities. We are looking for a dynamic Chief Executive who will lead the authority, engage communities and partners, inspire business and future investors to strengthen our success. Your transformative approach will deliver innovation and further economic growth to the East Riding, empowering our communities to thrive and achieve the ambitions of our political leaders and, most importantly, our residents.

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Closing Date: Monday 31 March.