

## how it relates



Take a behaviour group



Every group has a set of related behaviours



For every set of related behaviours you may be expected to work at a certain level



All jobs have a set of behaviours based on their grade

These behavioural indicators are not meant as a complete list of everything someone will do. Instead they

For each of the behaviour groups,

performance looks like' (what you

represent some of the key standards

that an employee should aspire to.

Different grades have to operate at

different levels of behaviour. The levels

take into account the breadth of roles

in the different grades. This helps you

prepare for your PDR, both in setting

performance at the end of each year.

your objectives and in assessing

We have used the example of

'How I collaborate with others'

to describe how these work.

can see someone doing) using

we have set out 'what good

behavioural indicators.

Related behavioural indicators

- I help others/share workload to ensure goals are met
- I give encouragement and moral support to colleagues
- I look out for and assist in the safety of others (e.g. colleagues and users)
- I share information with colleagues to help coordinate activities
- I adapt my own approach so as to get the best from different colleagues
- I listen carefully to what people say and check understanding with them
- I show appreciation for colleagues contributions

Levels of activity that may be expected against all the behaviours in the group

### Level 1

When collaborating with peers within a team

### Level 2

When collaborating across teams/Directorates

### Level 3

When collaborating across organisation(s)

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3
Grade 4

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Grade 5

Grade 6

Grade 7

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For each grade (and therefore job) there are different levels of expectation in each behaviour group. So for 'How I collaborate with others' the difference between two grades looks like this:

### Leisure Assistant - Grade 1 Expectation: Behavioural indicators Level 1 I help others/share workload to ensure When collaborating goals are met with peers within I give encouragement and moral support to a team colleagues I look out for and assist in the safety of others (e.g. colleagues and I share information with colleagues to help coordinate activities I adapt my own approach so as to get the best from different colleagues I listen carefully to what people say and check understanding with them I show appreciation for

colleagues contributions

enior Manager - Grade 7  How I collaborate with others			
Level 1 When collaborating with peers and/or within a team Level 2 When collaborating across teams/Directorates	I help others/share workload to ensure goals are met goals are met goals are met goals encouragement and moral support to colleagues l look out for and assist in the safety of others (e.g. colleagues and users) I share information with colleagues to help coordinate activities		
Level 3 When collaborating across organisation(s)	I adapt my own approach so as to get the best from different colleagues     I listen carefully to what people say and check understanding with them     I show appreciation for colleagues contributions		



Let's say Harry's job is a Grade 2. Across all 12 behaviour groups, our expectation would be:

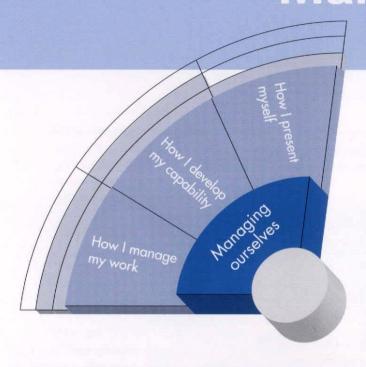
(details of all the behaviours and levels are on the following pages)

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	How I develop services/processes			
	How I deal with problems			
Providing direction	How I set direction			
	How I enable other employees/colleagues			
Working with others	How I collaborate with others			
	How I influence outcomes			
	How I meet user needs			

Note: Sometimes, a grade does not require a level to be considered against a behaviour as it may not be relevant to that grade.

# The Birmingham Way Managing

ourselves



This foundation is about how I manage my personal resources particularly knowledge, understanding, skills, experience and time. It is also about managing my professional development to meet organisational objectives and personal goals.

Behaviour group

### How I manage my work

I adapt priorities and approach to reflect changes in the situation

I produce work that meets the needs of those who depend on it

I do what I say I'll do

I balance work with other priorities (e.g. health and home life)

I work in a way that is sensitive to the environment, e.g. reduce waste, recycle materials

I make best use of time and resources to provide value for money

I ensure my actions and decisions do not create problems for others

I plan and prioritise my work to maximise benefits for the Council

L1: When managing day-to-day routine tasks

L2: When managing my own work to meet changing job demands

## How I develop my capability

I keep my knowledge and skills up to date to do the job well

I ask colleagues for help or advice if needed to get the job done

I seek and use opportunities to improve my job

I seek and learn from feedback

I identify and use available support from across the Council

I share and explore errors to learn from them

I listen to and seek to understand challenging feedback

I gather sufficient knowledge to make well-informed plans/decisions

L1: When developing myself and the job to meet existing job demands

**L2:** When developing myself and the job to meet expected future challenges

## How I present myself

I present a positive and polite image

I treat people fairly and with respect

I show confidence in my own ability by working with minimum necessary supervision

I present a positive image of the service/Council

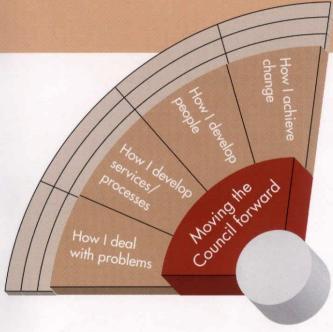
I keep the work area and myself safe and tidy

I remain calm and reassuring when under pressure

I accept responsibility for actions and decisions – when they go well and when they don't

L1: Whenever I do my job

# The Birmingham Way Moving the Council forward



This foundation is about how I move the Council forward by overcoming problems, developing new and better ways of doing things, developing people and achieving change. Behaviour group

## How I deal with problems

I work with colleagues to resolve problems together I resolve problems promptly

and efficiently
I engage with appropriate

colleagues to raise, discuss and resolve problems

I provide appropriate direction when needed to respond to emergencies

I think ahead and outside of the Council if necessary to find ways to overcome obstacles

I tackle inappropriate behaviour promptly and sensitively

L1: When dealing with day-today effects on others in own area of work, e.g. broken equipment

L2: When dealing with day-today effects on another area of work internally or externally, e.g. absences or process failures in another department

L3: When dealing with longterm implications across the Council, e.g. external factors affecting funding priorities

### How I develop services/processes

I seek and listen to feedback from colleagues/users to help improve services

I encourage colleagues to suggest ideas for improvements

I share ideas for improvements with those who can do something about them

I constructively challenge practices that do not meet the needs of users or the Council

I explore performance gaps and causes before deciding on or taking action

L1: When developing services/processes which have a local impact on peers/within team

L2: When developing services/processes that have an effect across teams and/or other Directorates

L3: When developing services and processes that have an internal/external effect across organisation(s)

## How I develop people

I seek and provide opportunities for all staff to keep up-to-date

I match learning and development opportunities to individual needs

I help team members to explore and learn from mistakes

I support moves to other parts of the Council to enable people to develop

I support the transfer of learning to the workplace e.g provide time and opportunities to practice new skills

I pass on knowledge and expertise to help others develop

I provide constructive feedback to help improve the performance of others

L1: When developing individuals and/or teams

L2: When developing multiple teams

## How I achieve change

I explore proposed changes to understand them and their benefits

I share views on proposed changes when the changes are being designed

I explain planned changes meaningfully and in terms of benefits

I show commitment to new initiatives by helping to implement them

I give up or take on responsibilities to help meet the needs of the Council

L1: When incorporating changes into day-to-day work

L2: When helping others to accommodate change

L3: When promoting change across the council and/or with external contacts

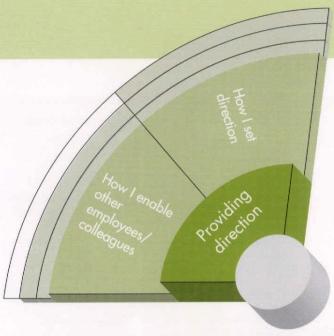
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## The Birmingham Way Providing

direction



This foundation is about how I provide direction to staff and colleagues in order to support them in giving their best. It is about promoting, encouraging and supporting the contribution that everyone has to make.

Behaviour group

I provide support and encouragement when needed to those who report to me

I manage people by taking account of their strengths and weaknesses

I ensure resources and information are available for people to fulfil their commitments

I celebrate individual and team achievements

I encourage and allow all team members to contribute in meetings and discussions

I allow people to get on with their work without interference

L1: When providing day-to-day support for individuals and/or teams

L2: When providing long-term support for individuals or teams

I agree achievable goals for others that will help deliver the Council's objectives

I ensure people understand what their job requires

I provide accurate and consistent interpretations of policies and procedures

I ensure individuals understand how their work contributes to the Council's objectives

I communicate clear direction with full commitment e.g. from me in my role' not 'from me on behalf of others'

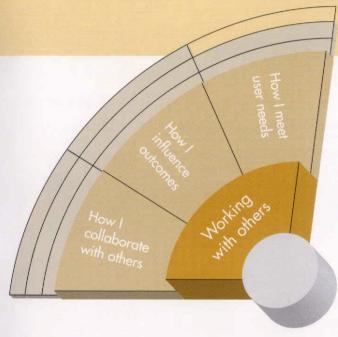
I balance individual and organisational needs when agreeing goals

L1: When setting direction for individuals and/or a team

L2: When setting direction for multiple teams

L3: When setting direction for Directorates and the Council

## The Birmingham Way Working with others



This foundation is about how I develop productive working relationships with colleagues, partners, stakeholders and customers in order to produce the best possible outcomes in meeting service user needs.

Behaviour group

I help others/share workload to ensure goals are met

I give encouragement and moral support to colleagues

I look out for and assist in the safety of others (e.g. colleagues and users)

I share information with colleagues to help coordinate activities

I adapt my own approach so as to get the best from different colleagues

I listen carefully to what people say and check understanding with them

I show appreciation for colleagues' contributions

L1: When collaborating with peers and/or within a team

L2: When collaborating across teams/Directorates

L3: When collaborating across organisation(s)

I seek win-win outcomes (in other words, a good outcome for all) when agreeing goals or actions

I engage with proposals constructively and rigorously to help agree the way forward I ensure my own and Council's views are represented at meetings, even if I am unable

I consult colleagues to seek joint commitment to proposals

to attend

I present difficult messages and ensure they have been understood

I provide clear arguments so others understand the position being taken

I check to ensure that key messages have been delivered and understood

L1: When influencing peers and/or within a team

L2: When influencing across teams/Directorates

L3: When influencing across organisation(s)

I make appropriate allowances to meet the needs of different

I actively seek and provide answers to users' questions

I seek feedback from users to help provide good customer service

I ensure that the service provided is the one that best meets the users needs

I help users understand services and relevant rules

I keep users informed of services and new developments

L1: When handling routine and challenging requests from users

L2: When anticipating internal and/or external user needs

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