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| HR reference | 0000000855/ |

**Belfast City Council**

Application for appointment as:

**Management Accountant (PO4)**

**(There is currently one permanent full-time post.)**

**Financial Services Section**

**Finance and Resources Department**

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| Name of Applicant: |  |
| Address: |  |
| The closing date for applications is **4pm on Monday, 9 November 2020.**  Completed application forms should be emailed to [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) and you will receive an automatic reply when your application has been received. If you don’t receive an acknowledgement within 30 minutes, please call 9027 0640 to confirm receipt (office hours are normally Mon-Thurs 8.30am-5pm, Fri 8.30am-4.30pm). You must confirm receipt **before** the closing date and time as we will not be able to accept applications that are sent but not received before the closing date and time.  **Please note, as part of our COVID HR Service Recovery Plan, we are unable to issue or receive any hard copy application forms, either by post or hand-delivered, at this time.** | |

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| **If you have a disability and require any reasonable adjustments, or your first language is not English and you require any assistance with any aspect of our recruitment and selection process, please call 028 9027 0640** |
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| **Belfast City Council is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all sections of the community** |

In addition to filling the immediate vacancy, we also intend to create a reserve list of successful applicants, in strict order of merit based on performance at interview. We anticipate that this list will last for 12 months, or until it is exhausted, whichever is sooner.

Therefore, should a similar post to the immediate vacancy become available within this time we may offer it to those on the reserve list, in order of merit, without further interview.

**These posts may be either on a permanent or temporary basis and may be working full-time, part-time or job-share hours.**

Please indicate below whether you would be interested in a permanent, or temporary (including fixed term) posts working full-time, part-time or job-share hours by ticking the appropriate boxes.

**If you are interested in permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time and, or job share positions please tick (🗸) all ofthe relevant boxes below:**

**Contract type:**

**Permanent Temporary**

**Hours of work:**

**Full-time Part-time Job share**

You can apply for all positions and, if appointed to the reserve list, you will be considered for permanent and temporary vacancies and for full-time, part-time and, or job share hours.

If you apply for all positions, you can accept an offer of temporary employment without giving up your right to be considered for a permanent post. Similarly, you can accept a post working part-time hours without giving up your right to be offered a post working full-time hours.

**It is important to note: If you are placed on the reserve list, you will only be offered vacant posts on the basis of the information you have provided above. For example, if you have ticked that you are applying for a permanent position only and a temporary position becomes available, we will not offer you this temporary post.**

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| **Section 1: Personal details** | | | | | | |
| Are you currently employed by Belfast City Council? | | | Yes |  | No |  |
| If yes, please enter your staff number: | | |  | | | |
| Have you been previously employed by Belfast City Council? | | | Yes |  | No |  |
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| If yes, please state your reason for leaving: | | | | | | |
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| **1.** | **Your details** | | | | | |
| (a) | Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr etc) |  | | | | |
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| (b) | Forenames: |  | | | | |
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| (c) | Preferred name: |  | | | | |
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| (d) | Surname: |  | | | | |
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| **2.** | **Contact details** | | | | | |
| (a) | Telephone number: |  | | | | |
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| (b) | Email address: |  | | | | |
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| (c) | Address 1: |  | | | | |
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| (d) | Address 2: |  | | | | |
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| **3.** | **Other information** | | | | | |
|  | National insurance number: |  | | | | |

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| **Section 2: Qualifications and employment history** | | | | | |
| **4.** | **Qualifications** | | | | |
| (a) | Details of qualifications obtained (please refer to employee specification):  Please state name, level and grade of qualification, the year attained and the examining body or university/college which awarded your qualification as this information may be needed by the selection panel. | | | | |
|  | **Applicants must, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be a qualified accountant and be a full, current member of a relevant professional body, for example, Association of Chartered Accountants (ACA); Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA); Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA); Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) or equivalent. Please detail your relevant qualification below:** | | | | |
| Year: | | Examining body / University / College: | Level of qualification: | Subject: | Grade or mark: |
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| (b) | | If you are applying for a post on the basis of a qualification which is not stated on the employee specification but which you consider to be equivalent, please list the main topics and modules below to demonstrate how you feel it is equivalent in terms of level, breadth, depth and content etc. Please also provide any further information which you feel supports your case.  (The selection panel will make the final decision on the relevance and equivalence of your qualification.) | | | | | | |
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| Year: | | Examining body / University/College: | | Level of qualification: | Subject and modules studied: | | | Grade or mark |
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| Any other support evidence as to the equivalence of the qualifications stated, for example, breadth of overlap with qualification as detailed in the employee specification: | | | | | | | | |
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| (d) | **Current membership of professional bodies:** **Applicants must, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms be a qualified accountant and full current member of a relevant professional body, for example, Association of Chartered Accountants (ACA); Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA); Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA); Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) or equivalent.**  **Please detail your relevant membership below.** | | | | | | | |
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| Title of professional body | | | Type / grade of membership | | | Membership number | Date of expiry | |
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| **Employment history** | | | | | | |
| (e) | Details of current employment and current position held: | | | | | |
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| Name and address of current employer (if any): | | | Exact date employment commenced (dd/mm/yyyy): | Position held with current employer: | | Salary: |
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| (f) | Details of previous employment and positions held: | | | | | |
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| Name and address of previous employer(s): | | From:  (dd/mm/yyyy) | | To:  (dd/mm/yyyy) | Position(s) held: | Salary: |
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| **Section 3: Experience** | |
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| **You must complete the application form in either typescript (Arial font size 11) or legible hand-writing using black ink. You must limit your text in this section, i.e. (a) to (d), to no more than one A4 page per criterion. You must not use continuation sheets. If you submit more than one page per criterion, the short-listing panel will only consider the first page of information and you may not be short-listed.**  Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, that they meet the experience as stated in the employee specification.  Applicants must, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be able to demonstrate, by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, at least two years’ relevant experience gained in a large and complex organisation[[1]](#footnote-1) of each of the following three areas:   1. assisting in the organisational processes of budgetary control and the annual budget setting process; 2. developing and providing accurate, timely and relevant financial management information including appropriate reporting systems; and 3. meeting service objectives through the application of project management techniques.   **Short-listing criteria**  In addition to the above qualifications and experience, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list only those applicants who, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms:   * in the first instance, are able to demonstrate, by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, d) at least two years’ relevant experience of areas (a - c) gained in a large and complex organisation within the public sector; and * in the second instance, are able to demonstrate, by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, at least three years’ relevant experience in each of the aforementioned areas (a – c).   **In boxes (a), (b), (c) and (d) below, please provide the following detail:**   1. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail your specific duties and responsibilities in relation to assisting in the organisational processes of budgetary control, how you assisted in the annual budget setting process, the steps that you took, the size of the budget; the large and complex organisation you have gained your experience in, how this organisation is defined as large and complex, for example, the number of employees, different departments, sections, functions and size of budget, etc. 2. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the financial management information that you have developed and provided, how you developed this information, who you provided this information to, how you ensured this information was accurate and timely; the reporting systems that you developed; how you developed these reporting systems; how the information was used; the large and complex organisation you have gained your experience in, how this organisation is defined as large and complex, for example, the number of employees, different departments, sections, functions and size of budget, etc. 3. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the service objectives that you have worked towards; how you ensured these objectives were met; detail the range of project management techniques you applied and how these ensured objectives were met; the large and complex organisation you have gained your experience in, how this organisation is defined as large and complex, for example, the number of employees, different departments, sections, functions and size of budget, etc. 4. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must provide specific details about the large and complex public service organisation you have gained your experience in, how this organisation is defined as complex, for example, the number of employees, different departments, sections, functions and size of budget, etc. |

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| **(5a)** | Please demonstrate in this box, by providing personal and specific examples, that you have at least two years’ relevant experience gained in a large and complex organisation of assisting in the organisational processes of budgetary control and the annual budget setting process.  **(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list, in the second instance, only those applicants who can demonstrate at least three years’ relevant experience in this area)**  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **(5b)** | Please demonstrate in this box, by providing personal and specific examples, that you have at least two years’ relevant experience gained in a large and complex organisation of developing and providing accurate, timely and relevant financial management information including appropriate reporting systems.  **(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list, in the second instance, only those applicants who can demonstrate at least three years’ relevant experience in this area)**  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **(5c)** | Please demonstrate in this box, by providing personal and specific examples, that you have at least two years’ relevant experience gained in a large and complex organisation of meeting service objectives through the application of project management techniques.  **(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list, in the second instance, only those applicants who can demonstrate at least three years’ relevant experience in this area)**  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **(5d)** | **Short-listing criterion: If applicable, please demonstrate in this box, by providing personal and specific examples, that your experience demonstrated in areas (a – c) was gained in a large and complex organisation within the public sector.**  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **Section 4: Other information** | | | |
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| **6.** | Notice required to terminate present position: | |  |
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| **7.** | If you are not currently employed by Belfast City Council, please provide the required information of two persons not related to you, to whom references may be sent. Both of your referees must be either your current or previous employers (if applicable). Both should be able to comment on your ability to carry out the particular tasks of the job. If you do not wish us to contact your present employer, please provide your most recent previous employer. | | |
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| **1.** | Current or previous employer (if any) | | |
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| **2.** | Other employer referee (or character reference if applicable): | | |
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| I certify that the above information is correct and understand that any false or misleading information, if proved, may result in no further action being taken on this application, or, if appointed, dismissal from the service of the council. |

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| **Equal opportunity monitoring form** | | |
|  | HR Reference number: | 0000000855/ |
| Belfast City Council is committed to ensuring that all eligible persons have equality of opportunity for employment and advancement in the council on the basis of ability, qualifications and aptitude for the work. To ensure the effective implementation of the Equal Opportunities Policy all applicants are requested to complete the following questionnaire. This questionnaire will be removed from your application form and will be strictly controlled in accordance with the Code of Practice on Monitoring agreed with Trade Unions.  **This questionnaire will not be seen by either the short-listing or interview panels.** | | |

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| **Personal details:** |  | **Official use only:** |

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| Please state your nationality or citizenship (for example, British, Irish, Polish): |  | Nation |  |
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| **Persons with and without a disability:** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A person has a disability if he or she has “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities” (Disability Discrimination Act, 1995) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do you, in accordance with the above, have a disability? | |  | Yes |  |  | | No |  |  | Disability |  |
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| If yes, please state nature of disability: |  | | | | | | | |  |  | |
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| If no, have you ever had a disability? | |  | Yes |  |  | No | |  |  | History |  |

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| **Persons with and without dependants:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |
| Have you any caring responsibility? | | | | | | | | | | | |  | Yes |  |  | | No | | |  | |  | Dependants | |
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| **Religious affiliation or community background:** | | | | | |
| The council is required by The Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998 to monitor the perceived religious affiliation or community background of its employees and applicants. In accordance with the Monitoring Regulations 1999, we are asking you to indicate the community to which you belong by ticking the appropriate box below: | | | | | |
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| I am a member of the Protestant community |  |  |  | Code |  |
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| I am a member of the Roman Catholic community |  |  |  | Method |  |
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| I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Roman Catholic communities |  |  |  |  | |

**Please note:** If you do not complete this section, we are encouraged to use the ‘residuary’ method, which means that we can make a determination on the basis of personal information on your application form.

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| **Religious belief or tradition:** |  |  | | | |  | |
| Please specify your religious belief, for example, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, please specify |  | | | |  | Religious belief | |
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| **Additional information:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To monitor the effectiveness of our advertising, please indicate where you saw this job advertised: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sunday Life |  |  |  | Specialist journal |  |  |  | | HR jobline | | | |  |  | |  | |
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| Council Jobs kiosks |  |  |  | Facebook |  |  |  | | Twitter | | | |  |  | |  | |
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| Department of Learning, |  |  |  | Word of mouth |  |  |  | Localgovernmentjobsni.gov.uk | | | | | |  | |  | | |
| Jobs and Benefits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | | | |  |  | |  | |
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| Other, please state where: |  |  | | | | | | | |  |  |  | | | |  |

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1. **Large and complex organisation** is defined as one with at least 250 staff or an annual budget of at least £25million and involving a high degree of coordination with a range of internal and external stakeholders. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)