The Parliamentary Digital Service is looking to appoint a new CTO, the organisation is very current in its thinking and has an extremely visible profile in the UK and Internationally.

Due to the high pace of innovation, transformation and business process change, especially with the impact of digital technology and channels of communication, we are looking for an inspirational leader to take ownership of the technology roadmap, vision of the future and deliver a totally cloud based platform for growth, innovation and development. This position reflects the focus and pace of change in the organisation and will sit within the senior leadership team working with internal stake holders at the highest level with significant budgets.

Based in The Parliamentary Estate, SW1, London this role joins our leadership team at a time of transition into a growth phase, stepping up to deliver and refine an innovative technology strategy you will be fulfilling this immediate need for someone to lead the building of a robust technology roadmap and delivery of the organisations Strategy. The CTO will be pivotal in ensuring that our aims and values are in line with ambitions and the cloud based technology platforms are in place to deliver.

Accountable for the leadership of the technology, network and communication platforms, you will be responsible for the Architecturally Significant Requirements (ASR's) - design, delivery, security, capacity, integrity, availability, of technology systems as the owner of technology risk and with a mandate to deliver high business value.

The CTO is central to the DevOps culture and manages the team which owns the technical escalation point.

The role of the Chief Technology Officer is to:

- Deliver technologies and systems that support the delivery of the digital strategy and meet the needs of all users; internal and external.

- Provide outstanding leadership and senior-level advocacy for the delivery of technology and digital.

- Define the strategic direction for the development of the organisations technology, ensuring that digitally driven solutions and services reflect the established business priorities, are fully supported by appropriate architectures and systems with security first, while reducing dependence on legacy.

- Set clear direction and priorities for the technology team, ensuring strategic coherence between technology and digital.

- Embed the delivery of a sustainable, high quality technology capability across the organisation, ensuring it makes effective use of modern standards and solutions, embracing Agile practice and a DevOps culture.

This is a unique high profile role that will suit equally well an experienced board level CTO or a digitally native high performing talent looking for their next step into a leadership role. Leadership will be a critical element of this role. We are looking for someone to lead change, build a culture of delivery and while focused on internal delivery can champion developments in technology and when appropriate be disruptive in ideas and innovation.

Elements of the role profile:

Technology Strategy

- Delivering digital service technology strategy to support the business objectives of the entire organisation. Introducing new processes and procedures to ensure business and service improvements are achieved

- Advocating and explaining the need for technology transformation to board-level senior officials, Members and external stakeholders

- Evaluate emerging concepts and methods in the use and introduction of future technology. Identify potential future opportunities to support the business objective of the broader organisation

- Leading the Architecture function.

- Chairing technical groups

- Working with Strategic Estates and In House Service's colleagues to achieve the best overall outcomes for the organisation

- Establish high quality operational plans, policies, procedures, and transition/migration plans.

- Produce business cases and identify the anticipated business benefits and the risks and consequences of failure.

Service Delivery

- Providing secure and reliable IT services to enable strategic and business objectives.

- Champion change and effectively manage the implementation of new ideas

- Ensure that high quality change control management is practiced throughout the delivery pipeline.

- Responsible for managing Technical Infrastructure, network in line with strategy of a continued move to exploiting cloud services.

- Work to ensure a high level of availability of service delivery

- Ensure close inter-working with third party partners working closely with partners, actively measuring service levels and delivery.

- Establish and build relationships with vendors and suppliers, oversee all related purchasing and budget usage; work with Finance to develop budgets and work to achieve best value.

Planning

- Oversee progress of all technology projects

- Use appropriate project management methods to ensure successful delivery, with a good understanding of change and risk management and the interaction between product development, implementation and support services

- Oversee resourcing, including external suppliers

- Oversee scoping, planning and estimating for all projects, and to ensure projects are delivered on time and to budget

- Manage the interfaces between Agile and other methodologies/practices such as ITIL, DevOps and Prince2

- Supporting continuous deployment through DevOps

- Ensure cyber security is considered and implemented at the beginning of all Technology work

- Responsibility for capacity planning for technical infrastructure

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