Vacancy Approval Process How to create a new request on Talentlink

This is a guide on how to login into Talentlink, create a new vacancy request and how to initiate the approval process

Prior to submitting your vacancy approval request

- Ensure you have the most recent job profile template completed ready for uploading on Talentlink
- Please see the link to People Anytime for job profile templates <u>Job Evaluation</u> <u>Aberdeen City Council: People Anytime</u>. If you are required to amend the content within an existing job profile, please notify <u>Orgchangedesign@aberdeencity.gov.uk</u>
- Ensure you are aware of the cost centre and CoreHR post number. If you are unsure, please contact your Budget Holder or POD@aberdeencity.gov.uk who will be able to assist you
- If your vacancy is currently being advertised on Talentlink or you have recently identified a preferred candidate(s) and you have now identified another vacancy, please complete a new request to recruit on Talentlink and select approval only in the Reason for Vacancy Field. Within the justification, please state that you wish to recruit from the existing ABC reference number so that we can match the new request to the previously approved request ie Identified additional preferred candidate from ABC11111

Prior to submitting your vacancy approval request

• If you wish to recruit to various posts ie a mixture of full time and part time, please submit two separate requests.

For example –

1 x 10 hours Permanent

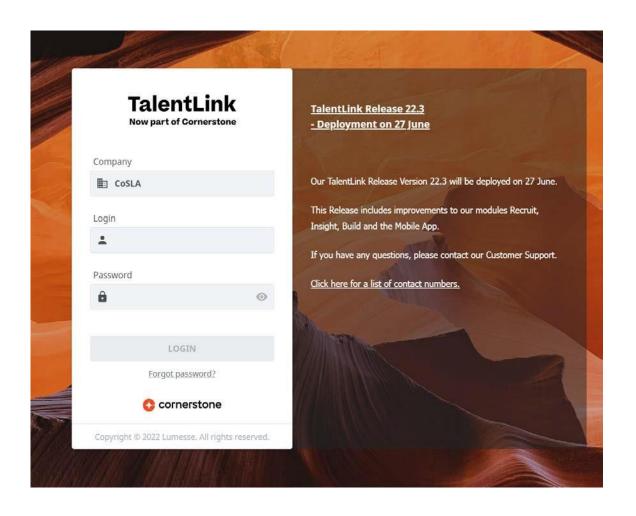
1 x 37 hours Permanent

1 x 20 hours Fixed Term

1 x 37 hours Fixed Term

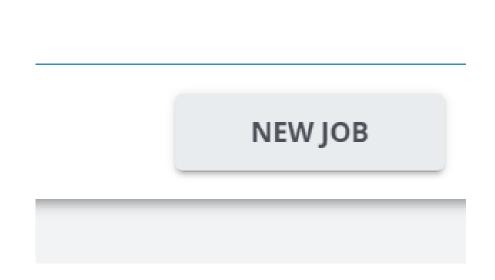
This would be submitted as two requests with all the full time posts (Fixed Term and Permanent) in one request and the part time posts (Fixed Term and Permanent) in a separate request

Login Screen



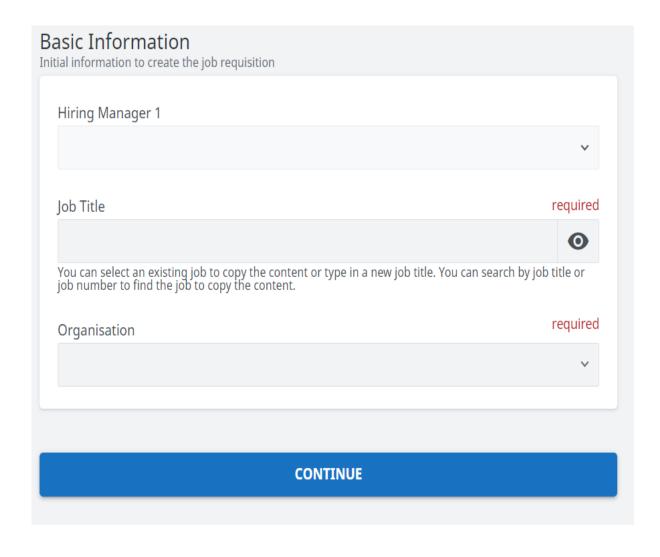
- Enter the link for Talentlink in a web browser – https://emea5.lumessetalentlink.com/
- Enter CoSLA in the Company Field
 - Please note, this is case sensitive
- You will have received your username and password from AskHR

Create New Job for Recruitment



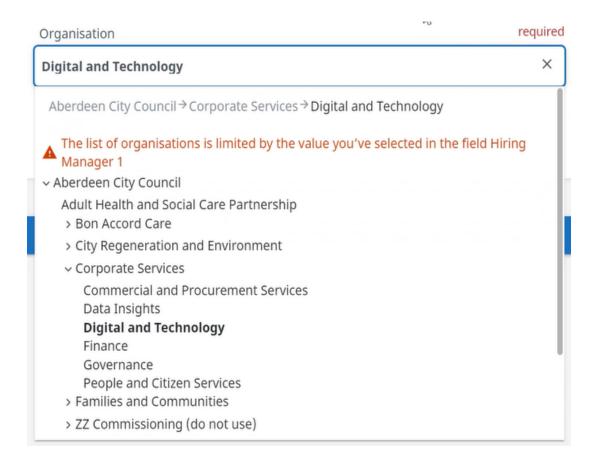
- Once you have logged in, you will see the home screen dashboard
- To allow you to create a new job for recruitment, click on the New Job button in the top right hand corner

Job Information



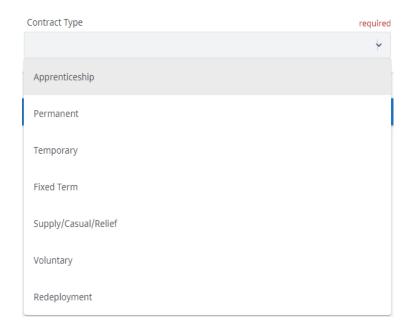
On the Basic Information
 page, please enter the name
 of the person submitting the
 vacancy request as Hiring
 Manager 1 and the Job Title
 of the role you are requesting
 to fill

Job Information Continued



- To select the relevant Cluster for the role you are looking to recruit to, click on the drop down arrow, then click on the arrow beside Aberdeen City Council, select the drop down arrow under the relevant Function and then click on the relevant Cluster
- Please do not use the options with ZZ in front of them

Contract Type



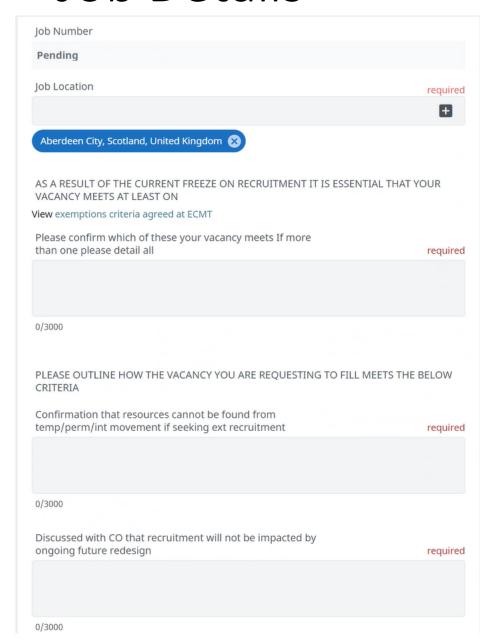
- After selecting from the Organisation drop down, select the Contract Type
- Please select the relevant option
- If you require Permanent and Fixed Term, please select Permanent and in the comments box further down the page, you can state Permanent and Fixed Term
- Please note once selected, you cannot change this option later

Approval Process

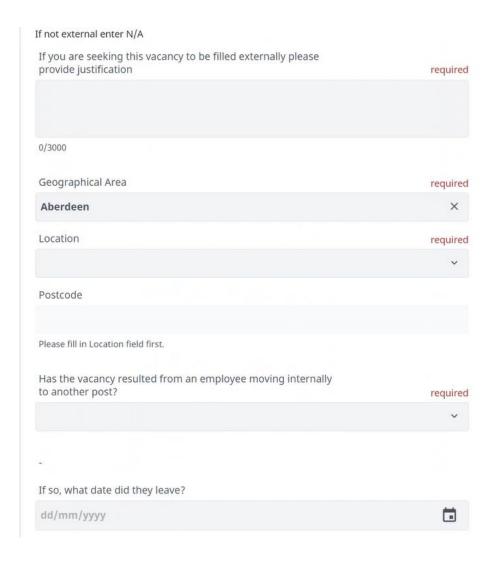


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 'Which approval process
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defaulted as ACC Standard

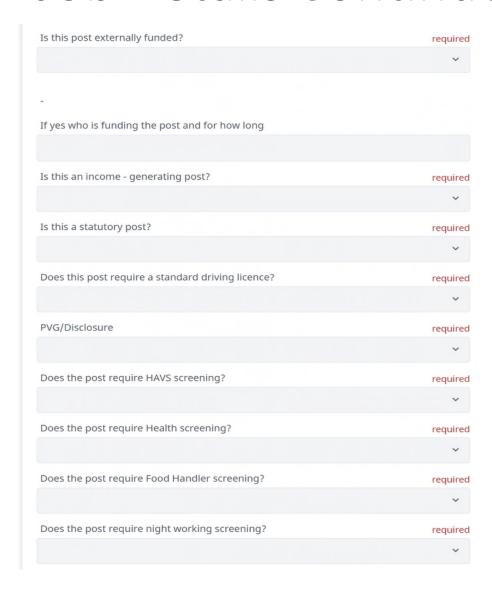
Job Details



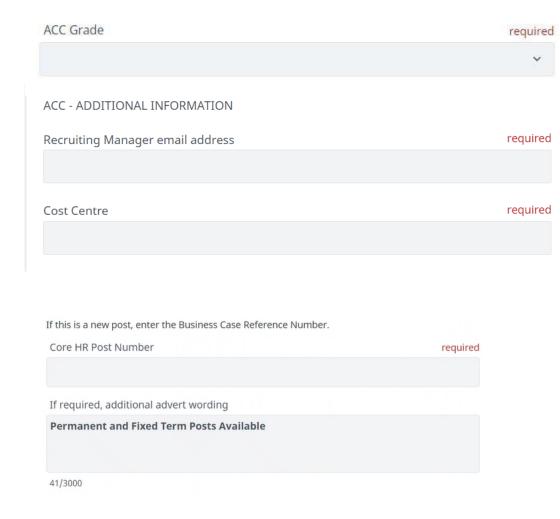
- On the **Administrative Data** section, please proceed to complete the relevant fields
- Please ensure you add in as much details as possible
- Once you submit
 your request to recruit,
 the Job Number section will
 generate your ABC
 reference number for all
 future correspondence
 related to your vacancy



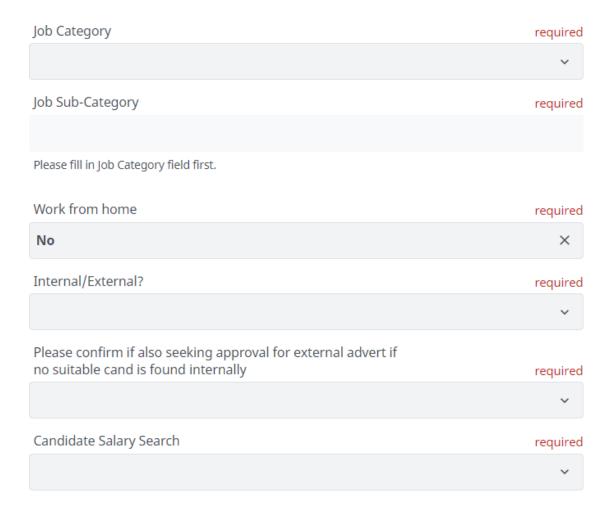
- Please proceed to complete the relevant fields
- When you reach the Location drop down, the Postcode field will auto populate
- If your vacancy has resulted from an employee moving internally, please confirm the date they left the vacancy you wish to recruit to



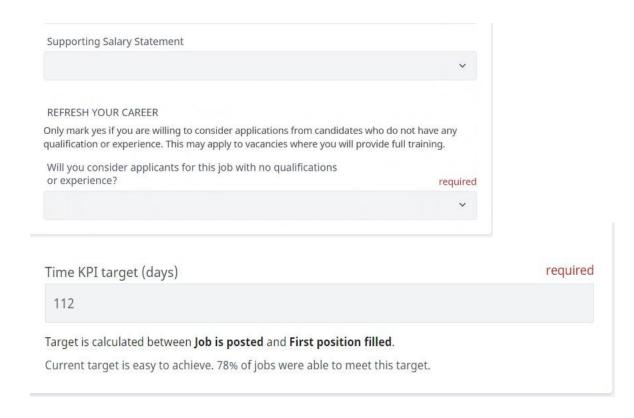
 Please complete the drop down fields to allow the HR Service Centre to undertake the required preemployment checks for your preferred candidate (s)



- Select the relevant ACC Grade e.g. G9
- For Recruiting Manager email address –
 please enter the details of the individual
 who the HR Service Centre will correspond
 with during the pre- employment checks
- For Core HR Post Number please add in the post number or enter the Business Case Reference Number if it is a new post. Your budget holder or POD@aberdeencity.gov.uk will be able to confirm this if you are unsure
- If you have additional advert wording, please input the relevant wording and it will pull through to your advert. In this section, you would state that you are recruiting to Permanent and Fixed Term posts.

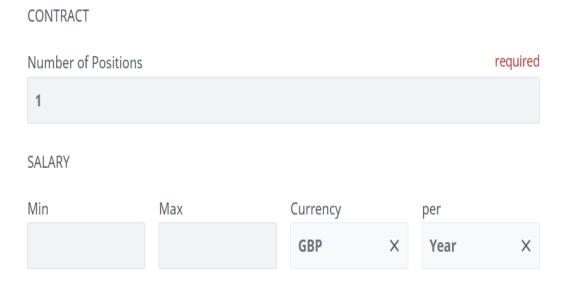


- Please use the guidance provided to identify the relevant Job Category and Sub-Category
- Select if the post can Work from Home
- If External is selected, then the post will be advertised Internally AND Externally
- If Internal is selected, the post will be advertised Internally only
- If you are seeking approval for external advertising if no suitable candidates can be found through initial internal recruitment only, please select Yes or No under the relevant field
- For the Candidate Salary Search, select the salary banding which applies



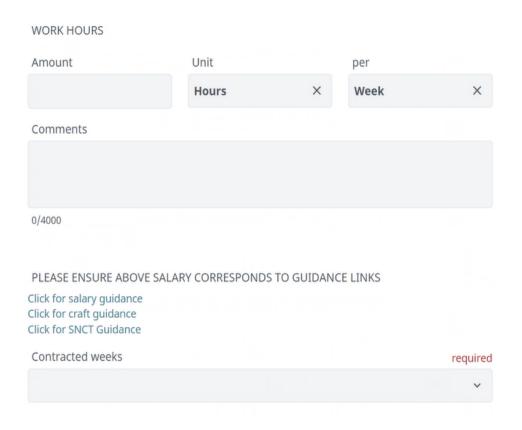
- For Supporting Salary
 Statement, please leave this blank
- For the Refresh Your Career option, please select No if there are any qualification requirements on the job profile
- Please do not amend the Time KPI target (days)

Contract Information



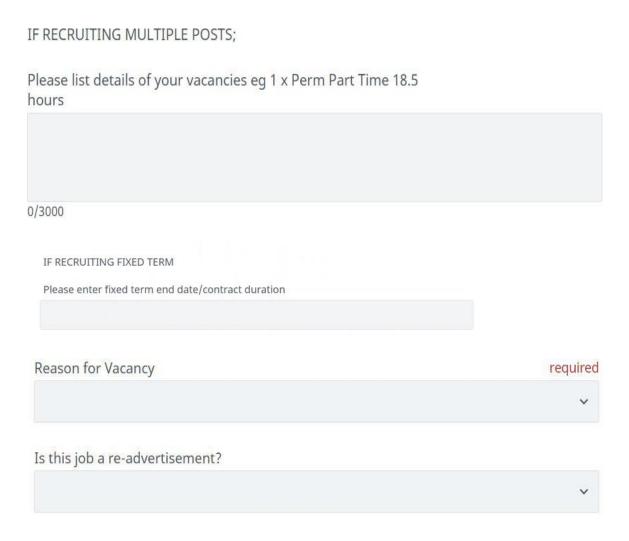
- For the Number of Positions
 please input the number of
 individuals you wish to recruit e.g.
 if you have 1.5FTE (3 x 0.5FTE)
 please enter 3 in this field rather
 than 1.5
- Salary ranges can be found on People Anytime Salary Information | Aberdeen City Council: People | Anytime or Appendix 2.1 - SNCT | | Handbook for Teaching Staff. The ranges can be added in the Salary section of the form, under Min and Max. For part time and full time 52 week posts, please input the annual salary. For part year worker posts ie 39 weeks, please input the hourly rates and change the per section to state hour.

Contract Information



- If you have more than one vacancy with various hours eg 15 and 25 per week, input the highest number of hours against the Work Hours
- Please leave the Comments section blank
- The salary links will assist you with completing the salary section
- Select the relevant Contracted
 Weeks ie 39 for school based staff
 who only work term time/41 weeks
 for cleaning staff. If you have more
 than one vacancy with various
 contracted weeks, input the highest
 number of weeks eg 52
- On the next slide you will be able to confirm the vacancy details for multiple posts

Contract Information



- Under the section IF RECRUITING MULTIPLE POSTS, you will be required to list the differences between any contracts you are looking to recruit to.
- For example:
- 1 x fixed term up to 31/12/2025 full time
- 1 x fixed term up to 30/06/2025 full time
- 1 x permanent full time

Position Type

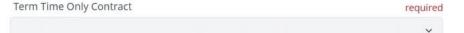


TERM TIME CONTRACT

*NEW FIELD:

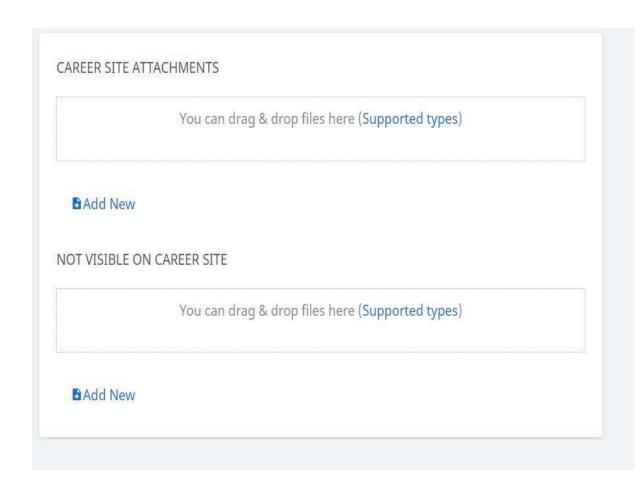
From Thursday 18 January 2024, candidates will be able to filter their job search to show term time jobs.

Term time contracts may vary in number of weeks per year but it is assumed annual leave is taken during school holidays. If ANY job included in this requisition is contracted to "term time only" please select "Yes". This includes listings with multiple jobs where only some roles are term time please use your advert space to describe contract details of positions advertised.



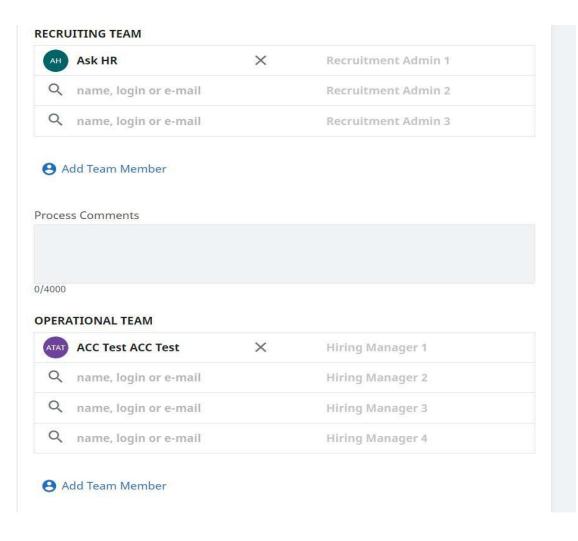
- After advising if the vacancy is a readvertisement, you will see an option for **Position Type**
- Please select the position type which applies to your vacancy
- Please note Job Share should only be selected for Teaching posts
- If the post is a Term Time Only Contract, select Yes otherwise select No

Attaching the Job Profile



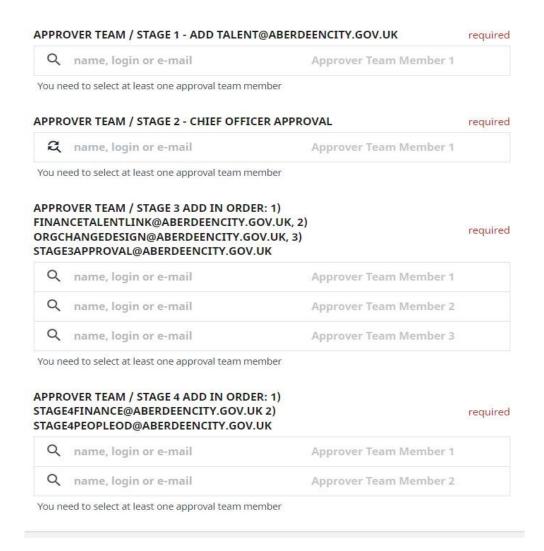
- Under the Career Site Attachments, you will be able to attach the job profile for this role
- Please ensure you have the most up to date template
- If you are required to amend the content within an existing job profile, please notify Orgchangedesign@aberdeencity.gov.uk
- Please do not attach anything on the Not Visible on Career Site

Selecting the Recruiting Team



- Recruiting Team is ALWAYS
 AskHR for Recruitment Admin 1, as AskHR will publish the vacancy once it has obtained all the required approvals. If AskHR is removed, they will also not be notified once the approval process has been completed or details of your preferred candidate(s). If you do not input AskHR, your vacancy will not be advertised and AskHR will be unable to undertake pre-employment checks
- Operational Team (Recruitment Panel) is the names of the individuals you would like to have access to the vacancy (e.g. anyone who would have access to view the number of applicants once the vacancy is published or anyone who would sit on the interview panel)

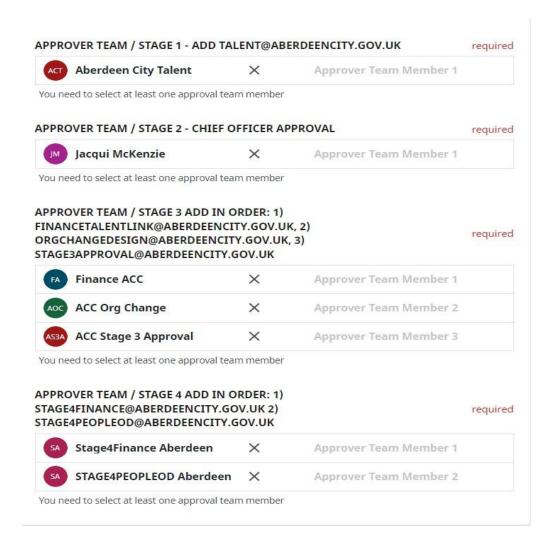
Commencing the Approval Process



Prior to your request being advertised, the request requires to go through four stages of approval. Please type in the email addresses as shown in the image to the left:

- Stage 1 Talent Team. The team will review the request to check that all sections of the request is correct (e.g. job profile attached, if the advert will be internal or external)
- 2. Stage 2 Chief Officer. Once approved by the Talent Team, the request will be sent to the relevant Chief Officer for approval. Please check with your Chief Officer or Service Manager prior to submitting to ensure the Chief Officer is available to approve your request
- 3. Stage 3 Finance, Org Change Design and Stage 3 Approval. The request will then be sent to these teams for checking and approving:
 - 1. Finance e.g. checking budget code and checking there is sufficient budget to cover the costs for the role
 - 2. Org Change Design e.g. checking the establishment to see if the vacant position is available to be recruited to
 - Stage 3 Approval will carry out a final check prior to proceeding to Stage 4
- **4.** Stage 4 Chief Officer of Finance and People & Citizen Services. The Chief Officers will complete the final approvals to allow your request to proceed

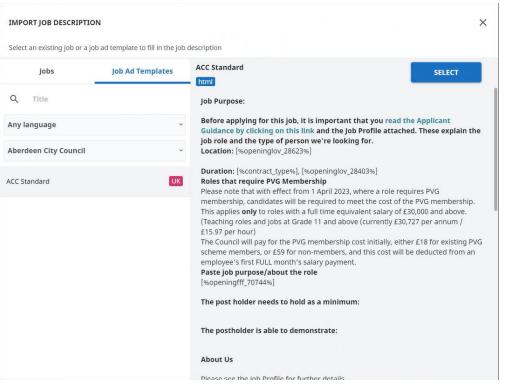
Commencing the Approval Process Continued



- To commence the approval process please enter the email addresses advised in the relevant sections.
- Stages 1, 3 and 4 should ALWAYS remain the same. It would only be Stage 2 which would differ based on your Chief Officer

Attaching the Job Templates





- Under Job Description, you will need to enter information from your job profile which will be used on the MyJobScotland website
- Once you click on Import from job or template, you will guided to the page on the left
- Click on Job Ad Templates and click on ACC Standard and then on Select

Inputting Job Purpose Information

JOB PURPOSE:

Before applying for this job, it is important that you <u>read the Applicant Guidance</u> <u>by clicking on this link</u> and the Job Profile attached. These explain the job role and the type of person we're looking for.

Location: Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen

Duration: Permanent, Full Time

Roles that require PVG Membership

Please note that with effect from 1 April 2023, where a role requires PVG membership, candidates will be required to meet the cost of the PVG membership. This applies **only** to roles with a full time equivalent salary of £30,000 and above. (Teaching roles and jobs at Grade 11 and above (currently £30,727 per annum / £15.97 per hour)

The Council will pay for the PVG membership cost initially, either £18 for existing PVG scheme members, or £59 for non-members, and this cost will be deducted from an employee's first FULL month's salary payment.

Paste job purpose/about the role

Permanent and Fixed Term Posts Available

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- Location and Duration will be auto generated based on information previously input
- Please leave the PVG Membership information in even if your post does not require a PVG. This is standard for all adverts
- For the job purpose/about the role please copy and paste from your job profile as it provides specific information confirming the purpose of the post
- If you completed the additional advert wording field, the information will pull through. Within this section, it would confirm to candidates that there are Permanent and Fixed Term posts available

Inputting Job Purpose Information Continued

THE POST HOLDER NEEDS TO HOLD AS A MINIMUM:

 The Post Holder Need to Hold as a Minimum should be copied and pasted from the "Minimum Qualification(s) / Certificates / Memberships etc. Required" section on the Job Profile

THE POSTHOLDER IS ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE:

• The Postholder is Able to Demonstrate should be copied and pasted from the "As a minimum, demonstrate skills and experience in" section on the Job Profile

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About Us Information

Please see the lob Profile for further details.

Aberdeen City Council is an equal opportunities employer and we are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. For further information, please see our <u>Equality</u>, <u>Diversity</u>, <u>Inclusion and Recruitment pack</u>.

Flexible Working

We are happy to talk <u>flexible working</u> and offer <u>flexible working</u> for most roles in the organisation meaning that many of our employees enjoy the freedom of choosing a working pattern that suits them as much as it suits the organisation.

Disability Confident

We are a Disability Confident Employer. If you consider yourself to have a disability and think you may require a reasonable adjustment to be made for this part of the selection process, or would like further information in relation to reasonable adjustments, please contact ASKHR@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Armed Forces

We are a forces-friendly employer, have signed the A<u>rmed Forces</u> Covenant and are a silver award recipient in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. We have a specific email address for those in the forces, those who have left the forces, as well as their partners / spouses / families: <u>armedforces@aberdeencity.gov.uk</u>. We are able to answer questions about jobs and our application / selection process, as well as about our employee support provisions.

Guaranteed Interview Scheme

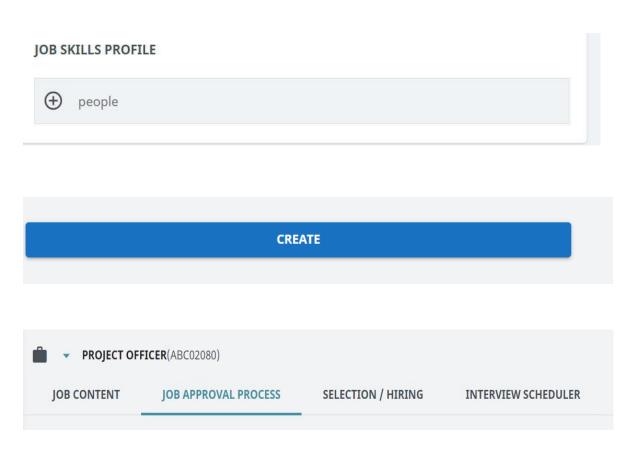
We have a number of guaranteed interview schemes available to applicants who meet the minimum criteria for the role they are applying for who:

- have a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010 (all jobs)
- looked after young people, those that are in continuing care or are a care leaver up to the age of 29 (all jobs)
- are aged 16-24 and live in Aberdeen City or have been to an Aberdeen City Council school and are applying for a Modern Apprenticeship (except Trades apprenticeships)
- have done a Foundation Apprenticeship with Aberdeen City Council and are applying for any apprenticeships relevant to the area in which they did their Foundation Apprenticeship
- are New Scots* aged 16-24 and are applying for any apprenticeships

*"New Scots" are defined as refugees and asylum seekers who are in Scottish 3015/4000

 The section on the left is standard information advertised on all Aberdeen City Council vacancies. Please do not edit this section

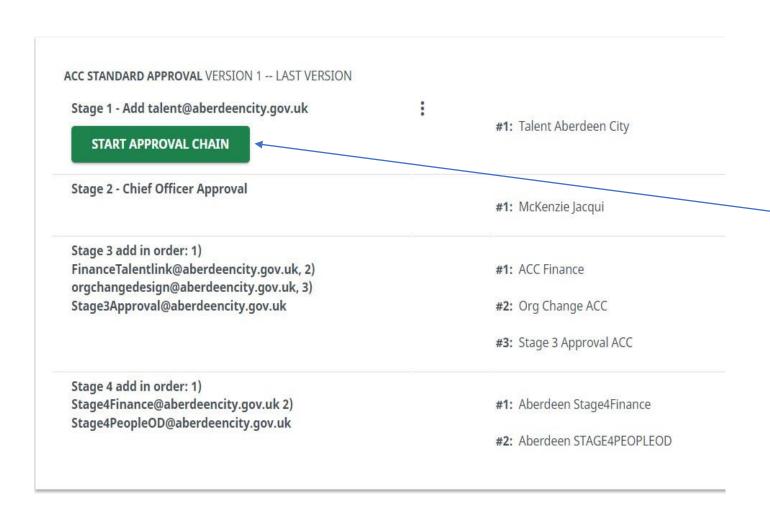
Finalising the Vacancy Approval Requests



Please leave the Job Skills Profile section blank

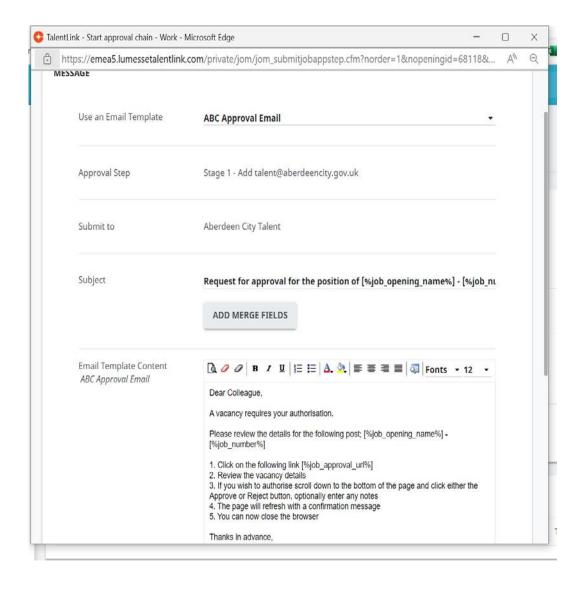
 Once you have completed the previous steps, click on Create in order to process your request to recruit. At this point your ABC reference number will populate

Commencing the Approval Process



- On the next screen, you will see the Job Approval Process
- Click on Start Approval
 Chain to begin the
 approval process. It is
 important you click the
 button as the request
 will not proceed if not
 selected

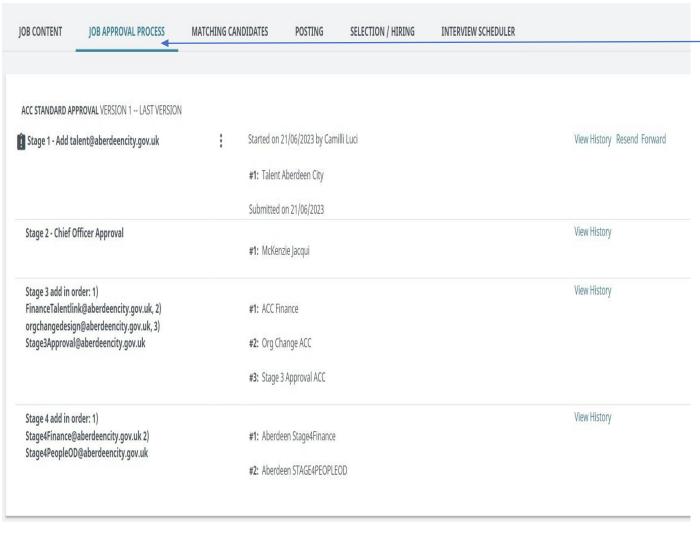
Commencing the Approval Process Continued



- Next, you will be taken to the page shown on the left. You will be able to view the approval email being sent
- Please do not edit the page. Please proceed to scroll down the page and click **Submit** in order to send your request to recruit to the Talent Team to commence the approval process

	ADD MERGE FIELDS		
Receive Notification when completed	Yes No		O
Due date required	(dd/mm/yyyy) 09/07/2022		Ö
		CANCEL	SUBM

Vacancy Approval Process



- Under the Job Approval Tab, you will be able to see where your request is in the approval process
- On the left, you will see an example of a request sitting with the Talent Team as part of Stage 1 of the approval process
- At each stage of the approval process, the approvers email address will receive an automated email in which the individual can approve or reject. Comments can also be added to the vacancy request

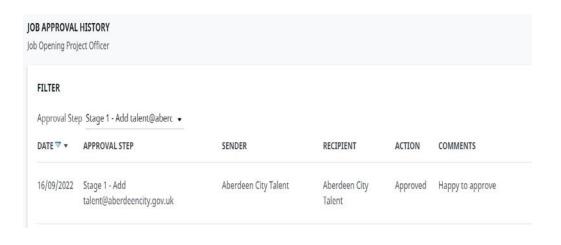
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JOB CONTENT	JOB APPROVAL PROCESS	MATCHING CANDIDATES	POSTING	SELECTION / HIRING	INTERVIEW SCHEDULER	
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Stage 1 - Add talent@aberdeencity.gov.uk		Started on 20	/06/2023 by Strach	an Lesley - Approved on 21/06,	/2023	
		#1: Talent Al	perdeen City			
		Approved on	21/06/2023			
🚺 Stage 2 - Chief Officer Approval		/06/2023 by Talent	Aberdeen City			
	#1: McKenzi	e Jacqui				
		Submitted or				
Stage 3 add in o	rder: 1)	Submitted of	121/00/2023			
FinanceTalentli	nk@aberdeencity.gov.uk, 2)	#1: ACC Fina	nce			
orgchangedesign@aberdeencity.gov.uk, 3) Stage3Approval@aberdeencity.gov.uk	#2: Org Chai	nge ACC				
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- On the left, you will see an example of a vacancy request which has now been approved. It will also show when the request was approved at each of the stages
- In this example, you will see the request has moved to Stage 2

Vacancy Approval Process Continued

View History



- If you click on View History within the Job Approval Process you are able to view any comments as seen in the example on the left
- Talentlink will automatically chase the approvers in each stage of the process
- Once your vacancy has been approved by all 4 stages, AskHR will receive a notification to advertise the vacancy if you have selected Recruitment Admin 1 as AskHR