

## **Senior Finance Officer / Finance Business Partner**

**Salary:** Band F SCP 27–31 (£38,220 – £41,771)

**Location:** Hybrid Working with Office Base of West Suffolk House, Bury St Edmunds (with travel across the East of England as required)

**Organisation:** Local Government East (LGE)

**Contract:** Full time (Part time possibility)/ Secondment opportunity

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### **Be part of something bigger at Local Government East (LGE)**

Are you ready to use your financial expertise to help shape, strengthen and support local government across the East of England? At LGE, we empower councils and partners to deliver exceptional public services — and we're looking for a talented **Senior Finance Officer / Finance Business Partner** to join our team.

This is an exciting opportunity to play a pivotal role in ensuring the financial resilience, sustainability and strategic direction of a unique regional organisation making a real difference to communities.

At LGE we are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, and welcome applications from people of all backgrounds. This includes, but is not limited to, candidates of different races and ethnicities, particularly Black and ethnic minority groups, as well as people of different genders, sexual orientations, ages, disabilities, religions or beliefs, and other protected characteristics.

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### **Why this role matters**

Reporting to the **Director of Policy and Corporate Services**, you will be central to the smooth and successful running of LGE's internal financial systems and governance. Your work will directly support senior leaders, shape financial decision making and ensure we continue to deliver

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This is a fantastic role if you enjoy combining financial rigour with collaborative working and want to influence strategic outcomes.

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## What you'll be doing

As our Senior Finance Officer/Finance Business Partner, you will:

- Lead regular **financial processes**, working closely with our Finance Administrator.
- Produce accurate, timely and insightful **financial monitoring, forecasting and reporting** for senior leaders, committees and partners.
- Support the annual **budget-setting process**, 3-year financial forecasting, and maintenance of our Reserves Policy.
- Oversee key year-end responsibilities including **external audit liaison** and preparing final accounts.
- Lead regular reviews of **financial risk**, ensuring robust mitigation.
- Provide high-quality **advice, challenge and support** to budget holders and internal colleagues.
- Drive forward financially-focused projects and continuous improvements across the organisation.

Every day will bring new opportunities to use your expertise and shape the future of our financial governance.

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## What we're looking for

We'd love to hear from you if you have:

### Qualifications

- ACCA, CIMA, CIPFA, AAT Level 4 or equivalent — or working towards qualification with relevant experience.

### Experience and Knowledge

- Strong experience in budget monitoring, variance analysis, forecasting and reporting.
- Experience of supporting the preparation of budgets and year-end accounts, and supporting external audits.

- Familiarity with finance software and a solid understanding of effective financial governance.
- Experience in local government, the public sector, or VCS environments is desirable but not essential.

## Skills and Personal Qualities

- Exceptional attention to detail and accuracy.
- Strong analytical and financial management skills.
- Excellent Excel and general Microsoft Office capabilities.
- Confident communicator — able to produce clear reports and present to senior stakeholders.
- Strong organisational skills and the ability to manage competing deadlines.
- A collaborative, supportive approach and commitment to confidentiality.
- Alignment with LGE's **RISE** values: Resilient, Inclusive, Supportive, Empowering.

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## Why join LGE?

- Work in a dynamic, mission driven-driven organisation dedicated to supporting public service excellence.
- Collaborate with passionate colleagues across the East of England.
- Influence strategic financial planning and decision making-making.
- Be part of a supportive culture based on our RISE values.
- Opportunities for professional development and growth.
- For more information about working for LGE [click here](#).

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## Ready to make an impact?

If you're motivated, detail driven and excited about helping local government thrive, we'd-driven and excited about helping local government thrive, we'd love to hear from you.

**Apply today and help shape the financial future of Local Government East**

**For an informal chat about the role please call Adam Thorp on 07791 291411**

To apply please send your CV and [supplementary information form](#) to [hilary.jarrett-firat@localgoveasteng.gov.uk](mailto:hilary.jarrett-firat@localgoveasteng.gov.uk) along with the [Equal Opportunities Monitoring form](#). Check the [job description](#) and how to match yourself against that [here](#).

**Closing date:** noon on Friday 20 February 2026

**Interviews:** week commencing Monday 09 March 2026