# Management Leadership Competences (MLC)



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Managers at this level have a strategic overview of Directorate and Service Area objectives. They will be involved in longer term financial planning, strategy and investment (capital, infrastructure etc.). These posts are likely to be HoS.

#### Generic Competences that are the same for all levels of management

#### Communicating with Impact

- Communicate using natural presence and authentic charisma
- Utilise feedback on how your communication influences others
- Identify how and when to apply different methods of communication
- Build rapport and gain trust
- Apply the most effective approach to inspiring and motivating in different contexts
- Successfully influence and negotiate with a wide range of stakeholders, peers and staff

#### **Facilitating Development**

- Use goal orientated coaching with your staff that is focused on the achievement of measurable results
- Empower staff to solve WCC challenges through seizing responsibility and engaging their own innovation
- Enhance your own personal performance by seeking out constructive feedback, gaining insight and awareness of your own strengths and challenges
- Create a climate of continuous learning and selfdevelopment
- Utilise effective questioning and listening skills to enhance others' personal and professional development
- Act as an inspiring role model and mentor for others

## Leading from Within

- Act with authenticity and courage
- Be aware of the impact that your behaviours have on yourself and others
- Ensure that your actions are congruent with who you are and what you stand for
- Reflect on your core identity and purpose as a leader
- Promote leadership development and selfawareness, creating an environment of openness and trust where opinions are expressed and heard
- Develop and execute strategies to gain personal resilience by re-energising yourself and others
- Take a stand in the face of adversity
- Take risks and let go of fears that hold you back
- Be willing to remain open and tuned in to feedback from both internal and external sources

#### Fostering Teamwork

- Develop and implement strategies to enhance the performance of your teams
- Maximise the performance of individuals for the benefit of the team
- Understand team dynamics and know how to intervene to improve them
- Collaborate with and appreciate others, adapting to different work styles and preferences
- Build cohesive teams around a common purpose and inspire allegiance
- Build mutually beneficial relationships, seek opportunities to promote a culture of collaboration and partnership
- Ensure accountability through defining clear roles and responsibilities





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### Specific Competences for this level of Management

#### **Agile Thinking**

- Think strategically (up to 2 years and beyond) and with business acumen
- Consciously choose different thinking and processing styles to heighten your effectiveness
- Use a suitable balance of rational analysis, personal intuition and consultation with others in your decision-making
- Facilitate member and officer thinking, helping them to look at issues from different perspectives
- Suspend judgements and engage in dialogue before coming to conclusions
- Help teams to share their thinking

#### **Creating a Compelling Vision**

- Establish direction by thinking strategically and making discriminating choices
- Expand current boundaries of thinking and present possibilities that can take you, your team and Service beyond perceived limitations
- Translate the vision into clear quantifiable goals
- Determine and convey the underlying purpose and intent behind the vision
- Be pro-active in creating and communicating inspiring personal and collective visions
- Engage and inspire the service in building commitment to growth

#### **Delivering Results**

- Set clear and meaningful targets in alignment with WCC's vision and values
- Ensure a delivery mind-set is embedded within WCC
- Seek out customer-centric feedback that when acted upon will enhance service delivery
- Create results through a disciplined approach to business planning, goal setting and setting meaningful targets, aligned with WCC's strategic aims
- Take personal responsibility for WCC performance and results
- Be confident in your ability to consistently deliver high performance
- Use clear targets and metrics to provide feedback on performance

## Leading Change

- Be adaptable in dealing with change, personally and professionally
- Deal effectively with ambiguity and uncertainty
- Act decisively, knowing how to challenge the status quo whilst respecting the past
- · Forecast changes in the market or environment
- Provide the necessary direction and impetus in leading others to change; being sensitive to the impact of change on others
- Understand, deal with and overcome resistance to change
- Methodically identify change initiatives
- Apply creativity in the change process



