

CABINET

11 February 2016

The Establishment

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Margaret Squires

Responsible Officer(s): Head of Human Resources & Development

Reason for Report: To inform Members of the overall structure of the Council showing the management and deployment of officers. The Appendices of the report show the manner in which the discharge of the Council's function is co-ordinated, the number and grade of officers required for the discharge of functions and the organisation of the officers. This report should be read in conjunction with the functions of individual officers highlighted in the Constitution.

RECOMMENDATION: The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the Establishment.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: This report highlights the Establishment figures and, as such, supports our aim to reduce costs without affecting service quality and continuity.

Financial Implications: Financial risk will only occur where the structure of a service changes without adherence to allocated budgets.

Legal Implications: In accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution

Risk Assessment: If changes to the method of providing service delivery are not implemented the Council will find it more difficult to achieve the required budget cuts and quality and continuity may be affected.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Under Article 12 of the Mid Devon District Council Constitution, the Chief Executive is required to report to full Council on the manner in which the discharge of the Council's functions is co-ordinated, the number and grade of officers required for the discharge of functions and the organisation of officers. **Appendix B** shows the structure charts for each service

2.0 Resources

- 2.1 Attached at **Appendix A** is the financial monitoring information for the period 1 April to 31 December 2015 broken down into the various services.

3.0 Structure of the Council

- 3.1 A significant amount of positive change has been undertaken over the past 18 months and this is continues to deliver a more effective and efficient service. It is clear, however, that more needs to be done and changes to the structure of the Council will be on going. This is being done in a way that minimises staff redundancies and provides additional challenge to allow them to grow in more demanding roles. As the structure continues to evolve we need to be more efficient and the consultation process with the Unions will need to be quicker.
- 3.2 The total number of FTE varies throughout the year. It is the responsibility of the Council's management to ensure that we do not overspend on the allocated budget unless that revenue expenditure has been authorised. Some services have much more movement of staff than others.

4.0 Looking Forward

- 4.1 The Chief Executive will scrutinise all vacancies that arise and attempt to meet the work requirements by alternatives to normal recruitment, such as flexible working, joint appointments with other Councils, or use of part time or fixed term posts. Once this process has been exhausted consideration will be given to external recruitment.
- 4.2 The Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Management Team, will continue to reorganise the workforce when the opportunity arises.
- 4.3 Support will be provided to staff as we continue to train and develop staff and encourage a more flexible approach to working, enabling employees to develop and take on more challenging roles in the future.
- 4.4 The Council's workforce will continue to become more complex in terms of full time/part time/job sharing/flexible working etc. as well as in terms of increased use of working from home and use of more flexible job descriptions.
- 4.5 Unless it can be objectively justified, it is no longer permissible to dismiss someone on the grounds of retirement. Older workers can voluntarily retire at a time they choose and draw any occupational pension they are entitled to. Employers cannot force employees to retire or set a retirement age unless it can be objectively justified.
- 4.6 Employees aged 55 or over may seek the Council's consent to flexible retirement. Rather than an employee continuing their job to age 65 or whatever their particular state retirement age is and drawing their pension from then, they could, from age 55 with the Council's consent reduce hours in their current post or move to a position on a lower grade and elect to take their accrued pension benefits whilst continuing in employment

5.0 Training

- 5.1 In order to encourage staff to work more flexibly and therefore take on different roles and responsibilities we need to provide them with the necessary skills to achieve this. It is important that everyone is aware that 'doing it differently' will provide the desired outcome and recognising the need to support managers by rolling out management development training.
- 5.2 A review of Learning and Development is currently ongoing as a result of the departure of the L & D Manager.

6.0 Use of Consultants

- 6.1 Consultants are only used where there is a need to deliver a specific project or piece of work for which expertise is required which is not available within the Council's existing resource. These areas include pure professional advice, for example barristers' advice, engineering calculations and landscaping advice.

7.0 Absence management

Sickness absence continues to be managed proactively however the impact of long term sickness cases are reflected in the days lost due to absence with figures increasing from 8.6 in 2013/2014 to 9.2 in 2014/15. An unexpectedly high number of days were lost during 2014/15 due to long term sickness (40+days). Out of a total of 4169 days lost 2193 of those were attributable to long term.

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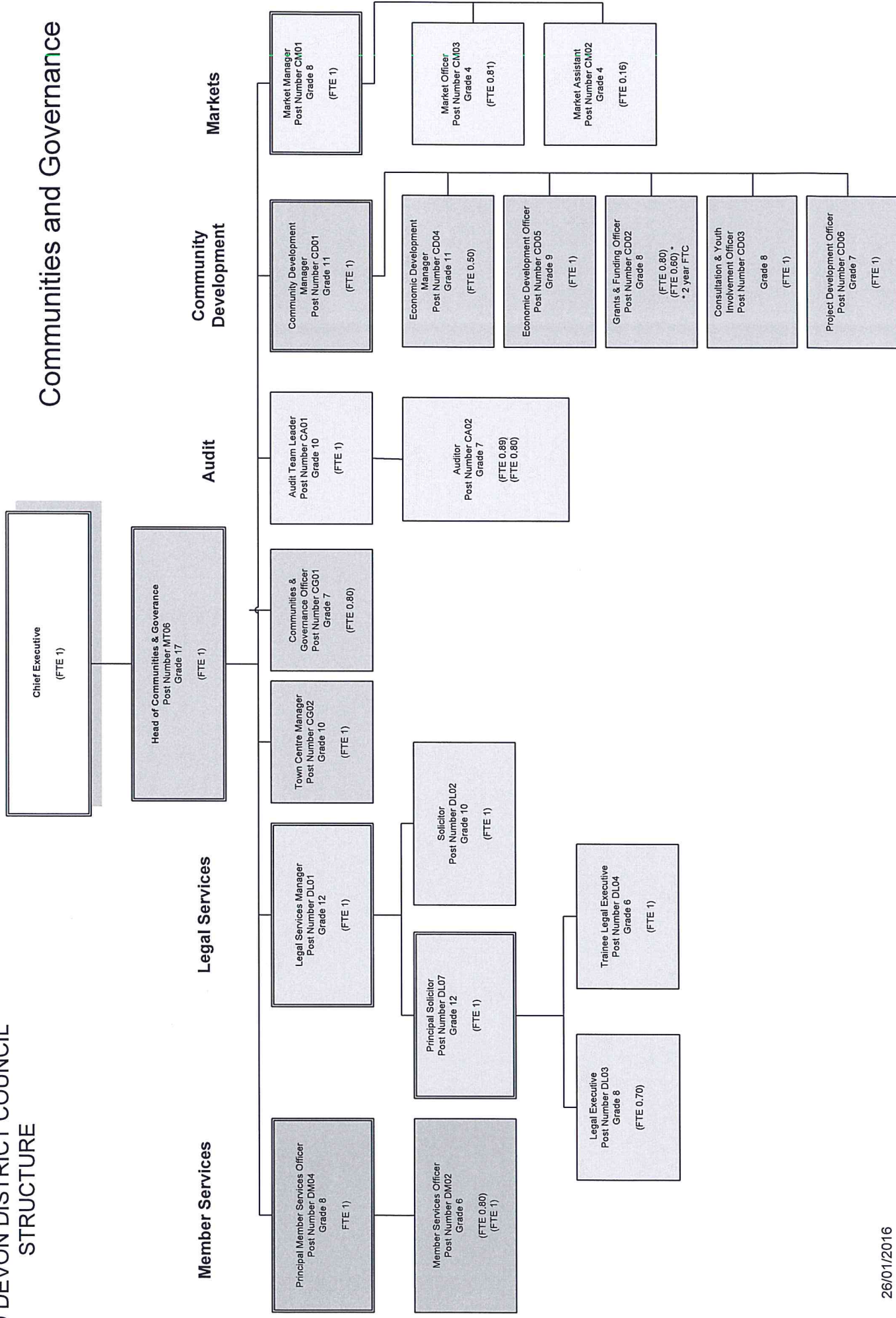
GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL MONITORING INFORMATION FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015/16 Annual Budget	2015/16 Profiled Budget	2015/16 Actual	2015/16 Variance
	£	£	£	£
Total Employee Costs				
General Fund				
Community Development	284,610	213,458	204,325	(9,133)
Corporate Management	859,280	644,460	651,843	7,383
Customer Services	686,030	514,523	569,369	54,846
Environmental Services	853,970	640,478	694,676	54,198
Finance And Performance	589,040	441,780	450,984	9,204
General Fund Housing	191,940	143,955	141,377	(2,578)
Grounds Maintenance	415,900	311,925	293,982	(17,943)
Human Resources	292,190	219,143	218,246	(897)
I.T. Services	544,220	408,165	377,143	(31,022)
Legal & Democratic Services	411,330	308,498	320,869	12,371
Planning And Regeneration	1,413,870	1,060,403	999,242	(61,161)
Property Services	359,220	269,415	208,212	(61,203)
Recreation And Sport	1,504,870	1,128,653	1,299,324	170,671
Revenues And Benefits	706,340	529,755	485,841	(43,914)
Waste Services	1,792,050	1,344,038	1,303,423	(40,615)
	10,904,860	8,178,649	8,218,855	40,206
Housing Revenue Account				
BHO09 Repairs And Maintenance	773,080	579,810	563,728	(16,082)
BHO10 Supervision & Management	1,448,740	1,086,555	989,481	(97,074)
BHO11 Special Services	61,760	46,320	66,619	20,299
	2,283,580	1,712,685	1,619,827	(92,858)
Total	£ 13,188,440	£ 9,891,334	£ 9,838,682	£(52,652)

	2015/16 Annual Budget	2015/16 Profiled Budget	2015/16 Actual	2015/16 Variance
	£	£	£	£
Agency Staff				
General Fund				
Car Parks	0	0	0	0
Community Development	0	0	0	0
Corporate Management	0	0	0	0
Customer Services	34,000	0	5,976	5,976
Environmental Services	0	0	5,945	5,945
Finance And Performance	0	0	0	0
General Fund Housing	0	0	0	0
Grounds Maintenance	5,000	3,750	19,328	15,578
Human Resources	0	0	7,042	7,042
I.T. Services	0	0	0	0
Legal & Democratic Services	0	0	0	0
Planning And Regeneration	0	0	0	0
Property Services	0	0	32,158	32,158
Recreation And Sport	0	0	0	0
Revenues And Benefits	0	0	42,449	42,449
Waste Services	88,510	66,383	112,563	46,180
	127,510	70,133	225,461	155,328
Housing Revenue Account				
BHO09 Repairs And Maintenance	0	0	0	0
BHO10 Supervision & Management	0	0	11,494	11,494
BHO11 Special Services	0	0	0	0
	0	0	11,494	11,494
Total	£127,510	£70,133	£236,955	£166,822

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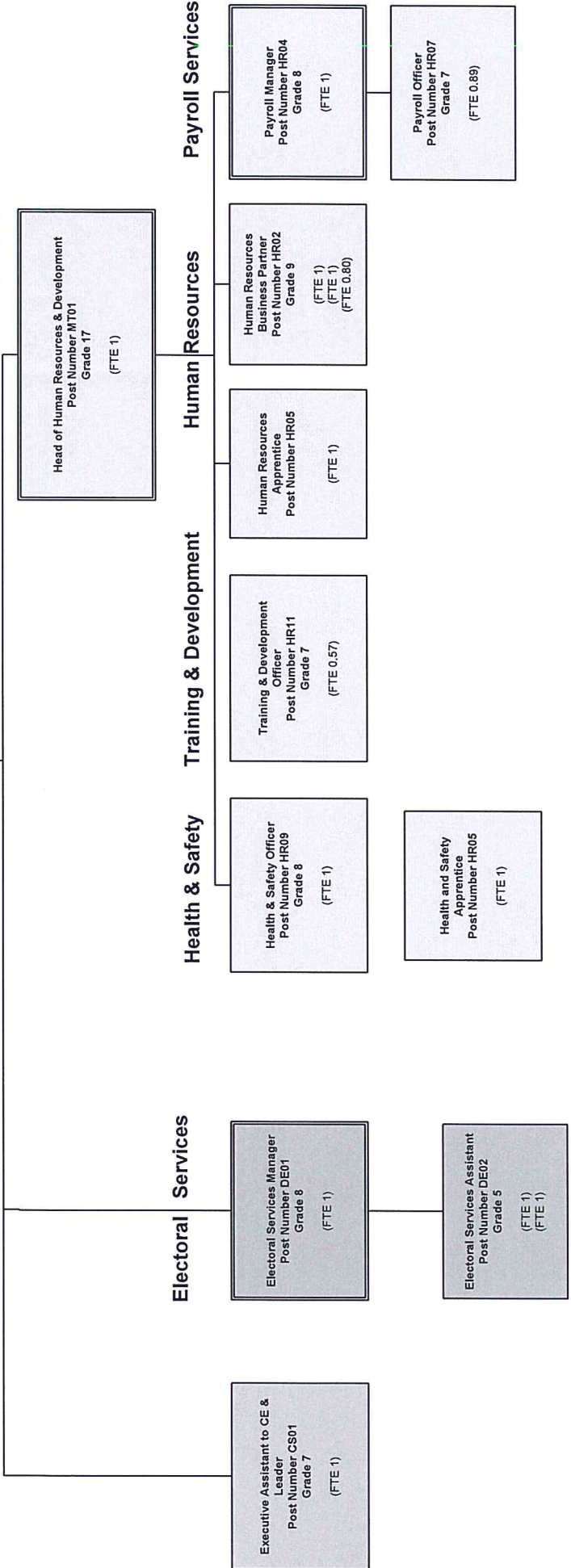
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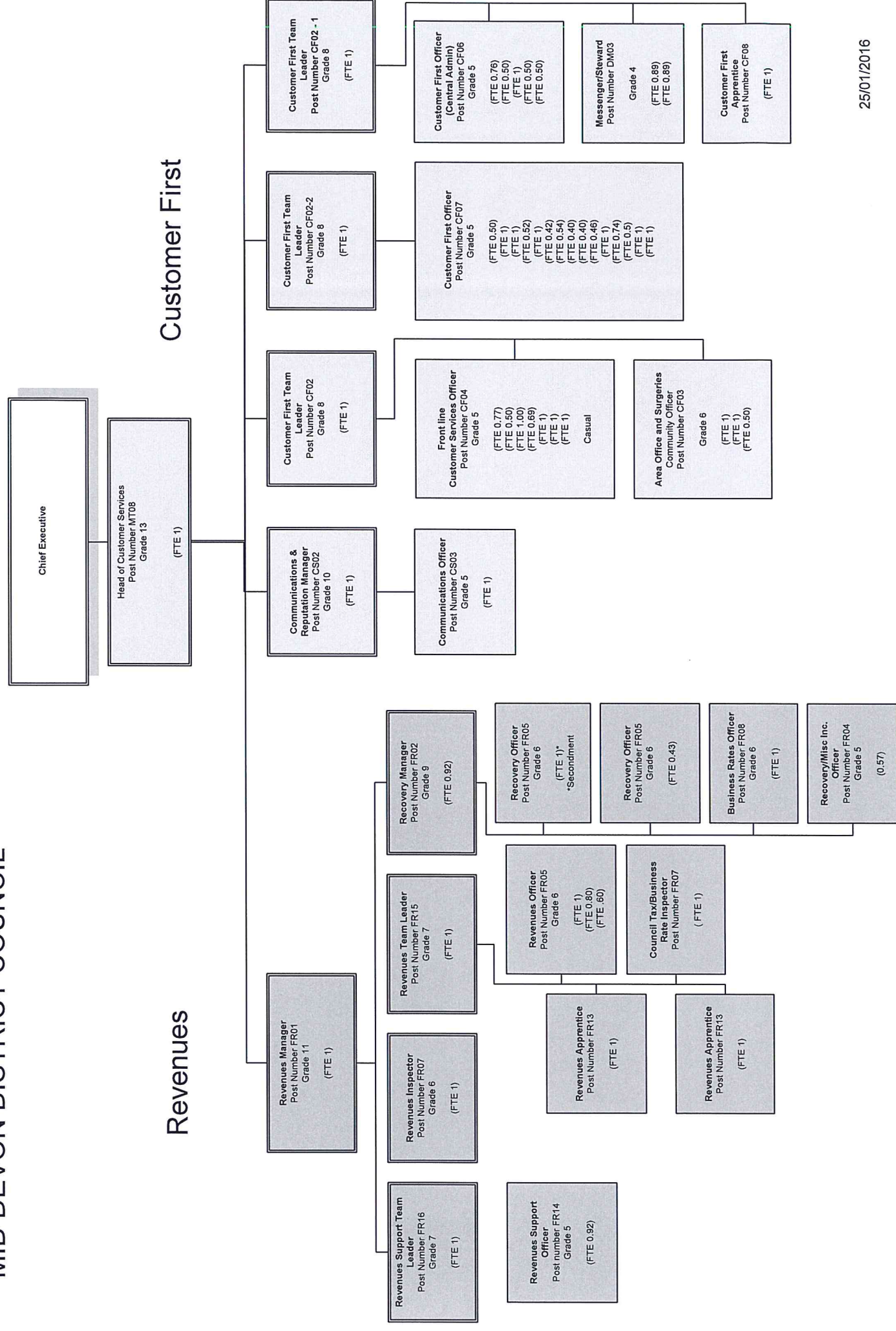


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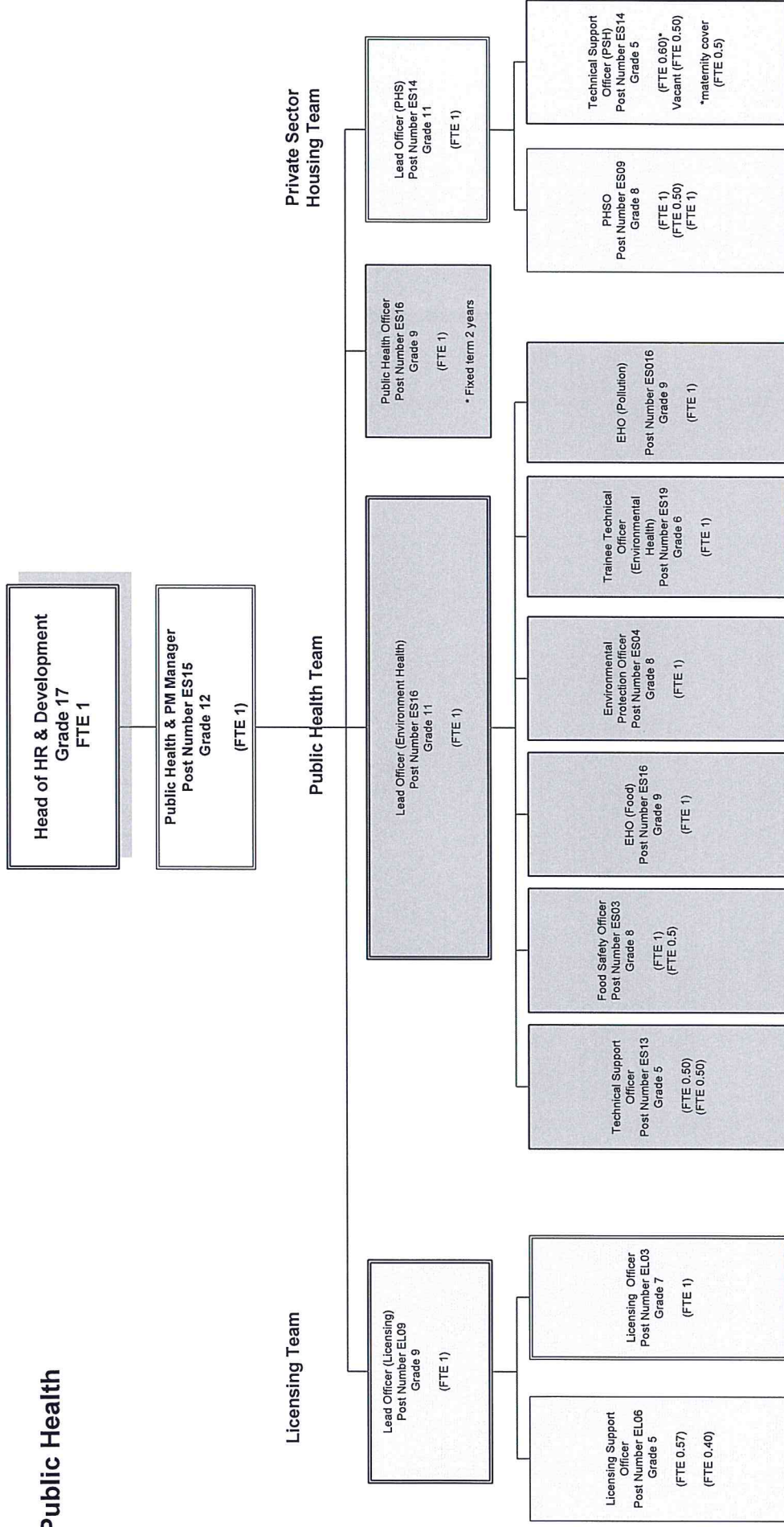
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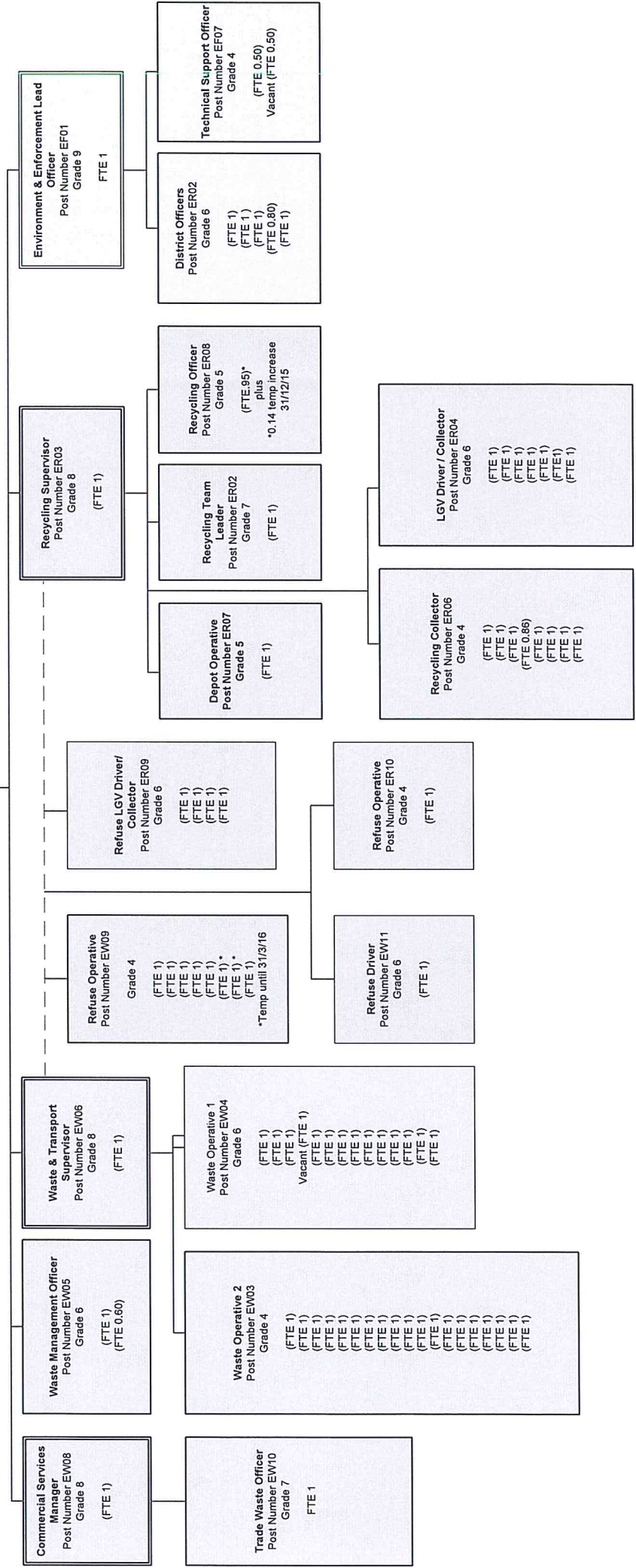


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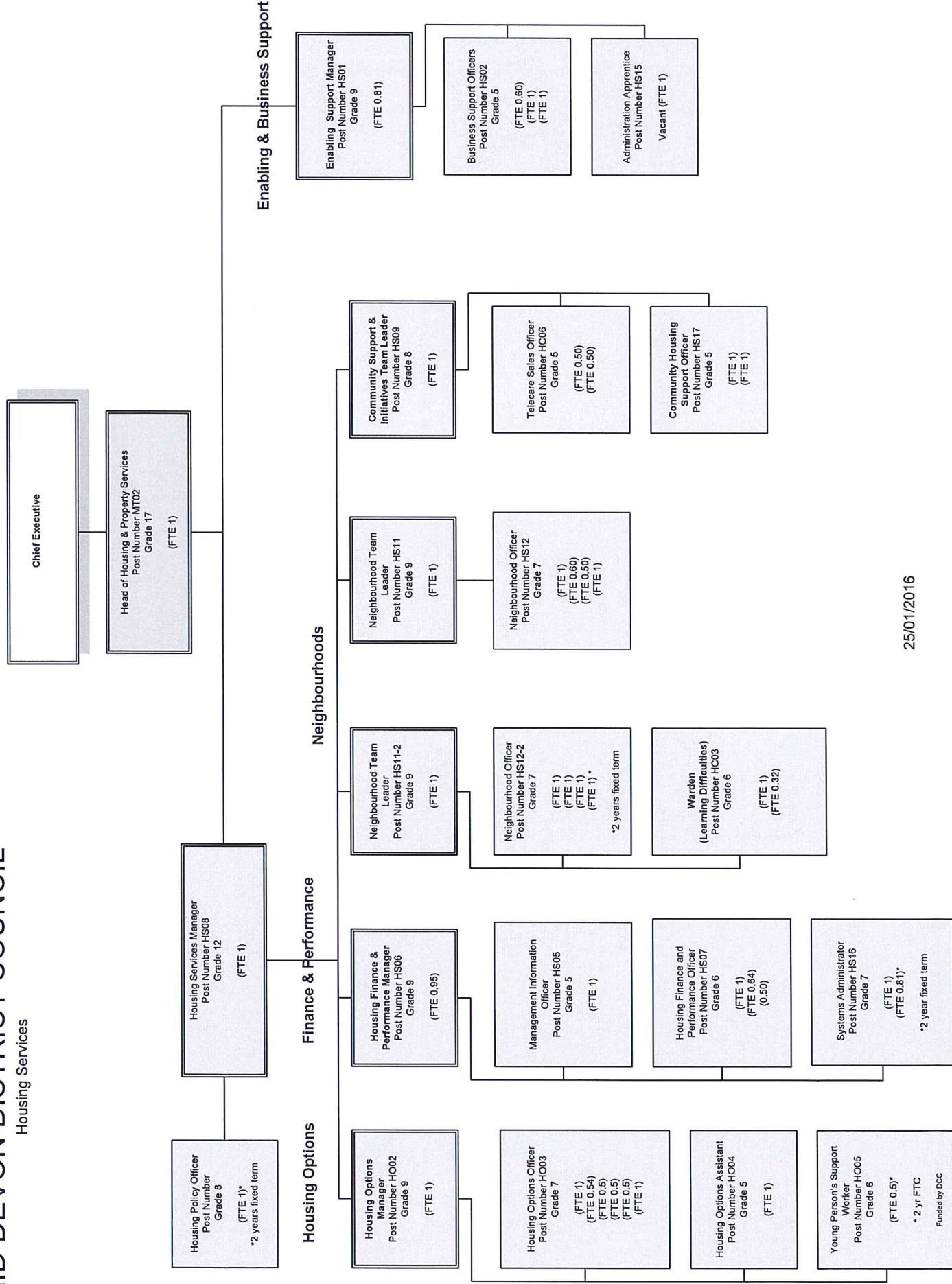
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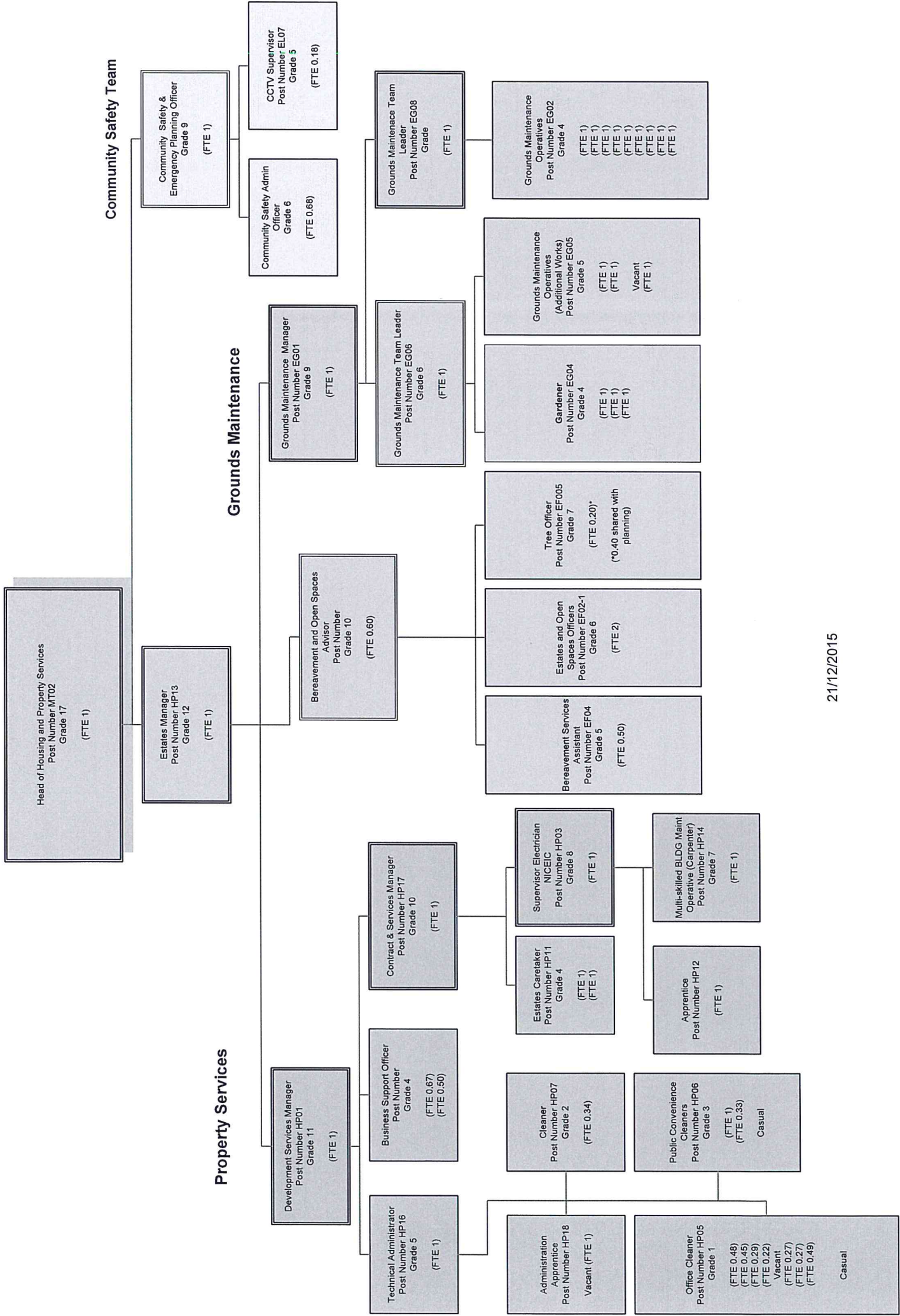


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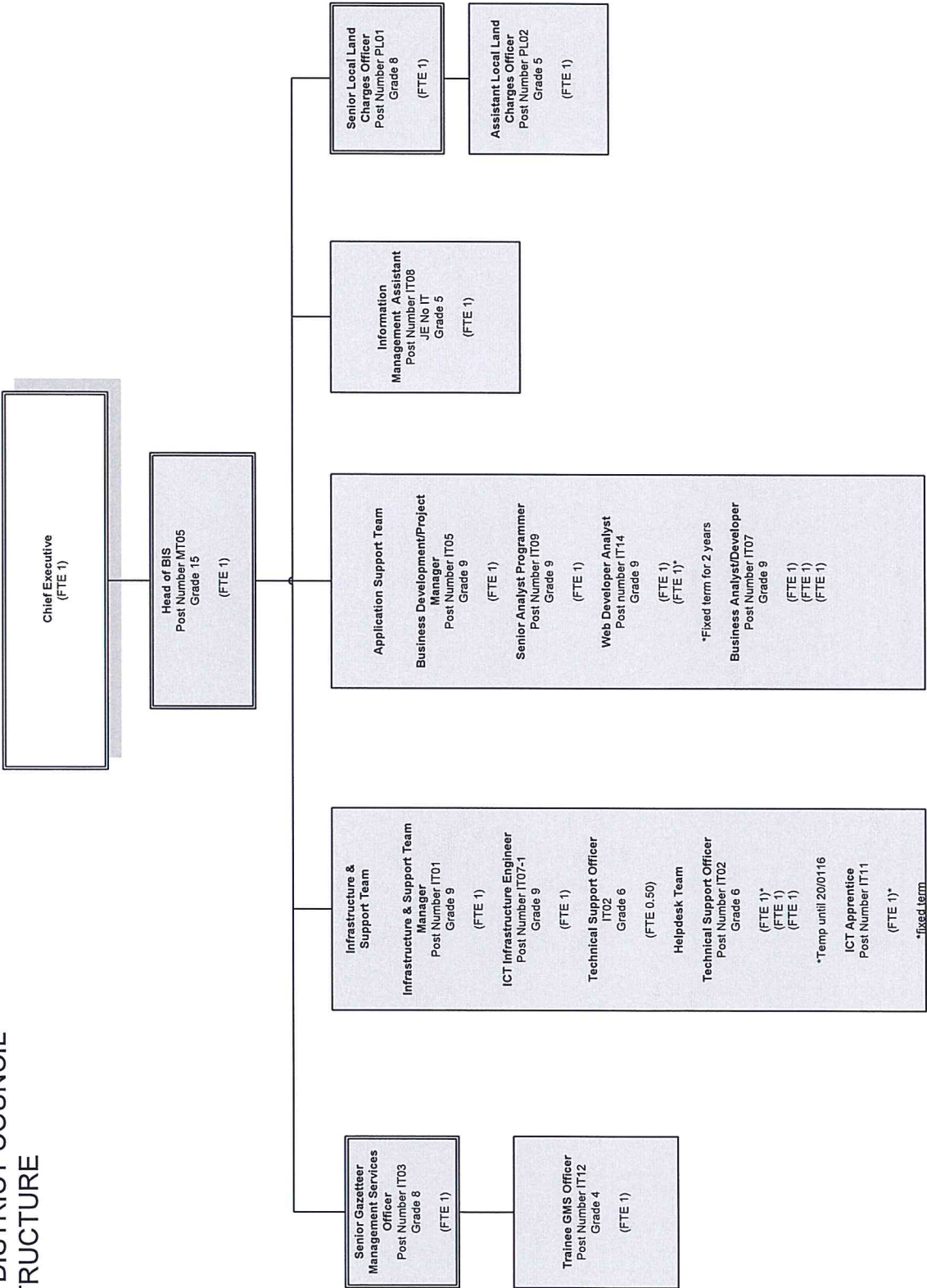
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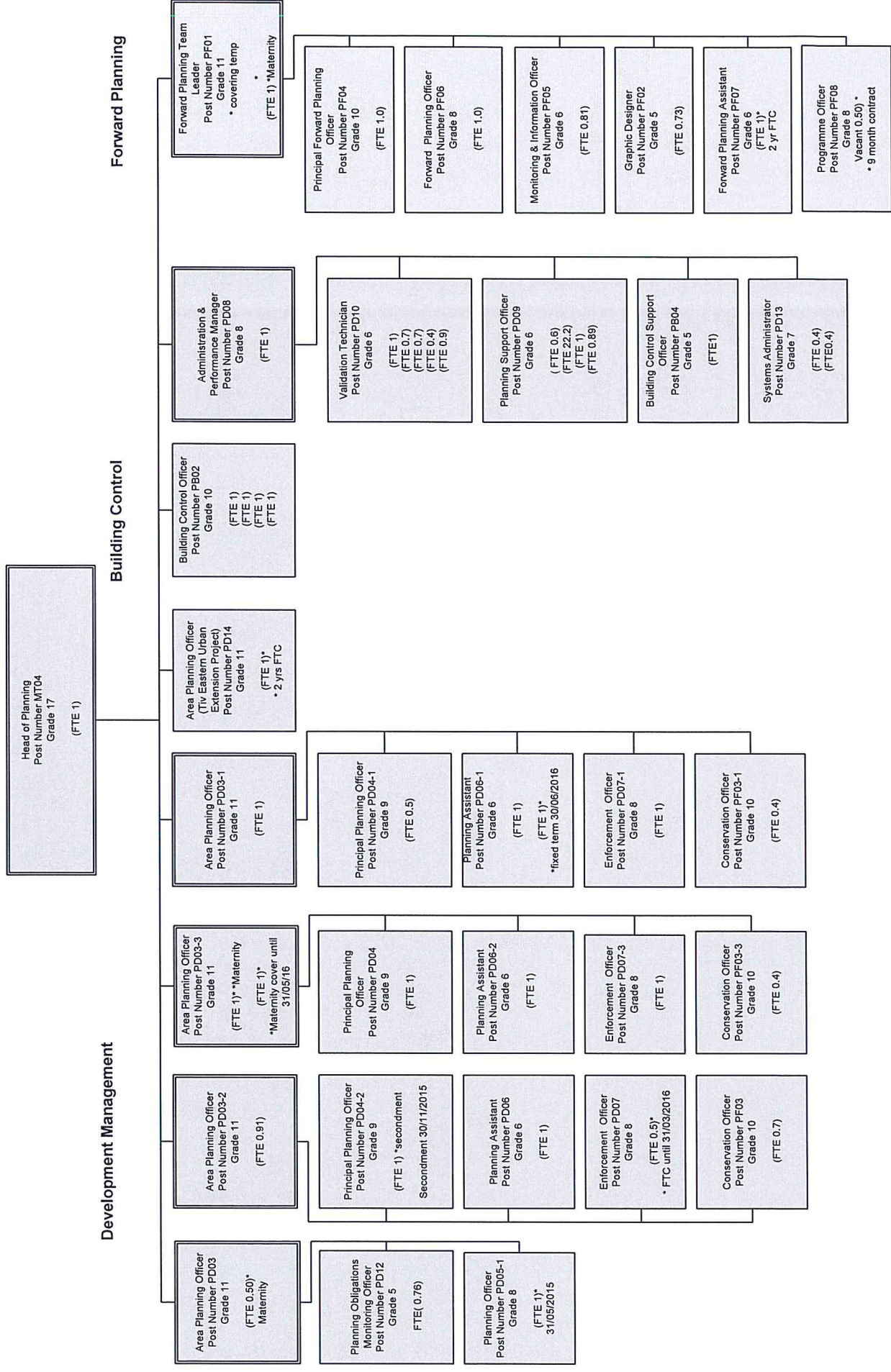
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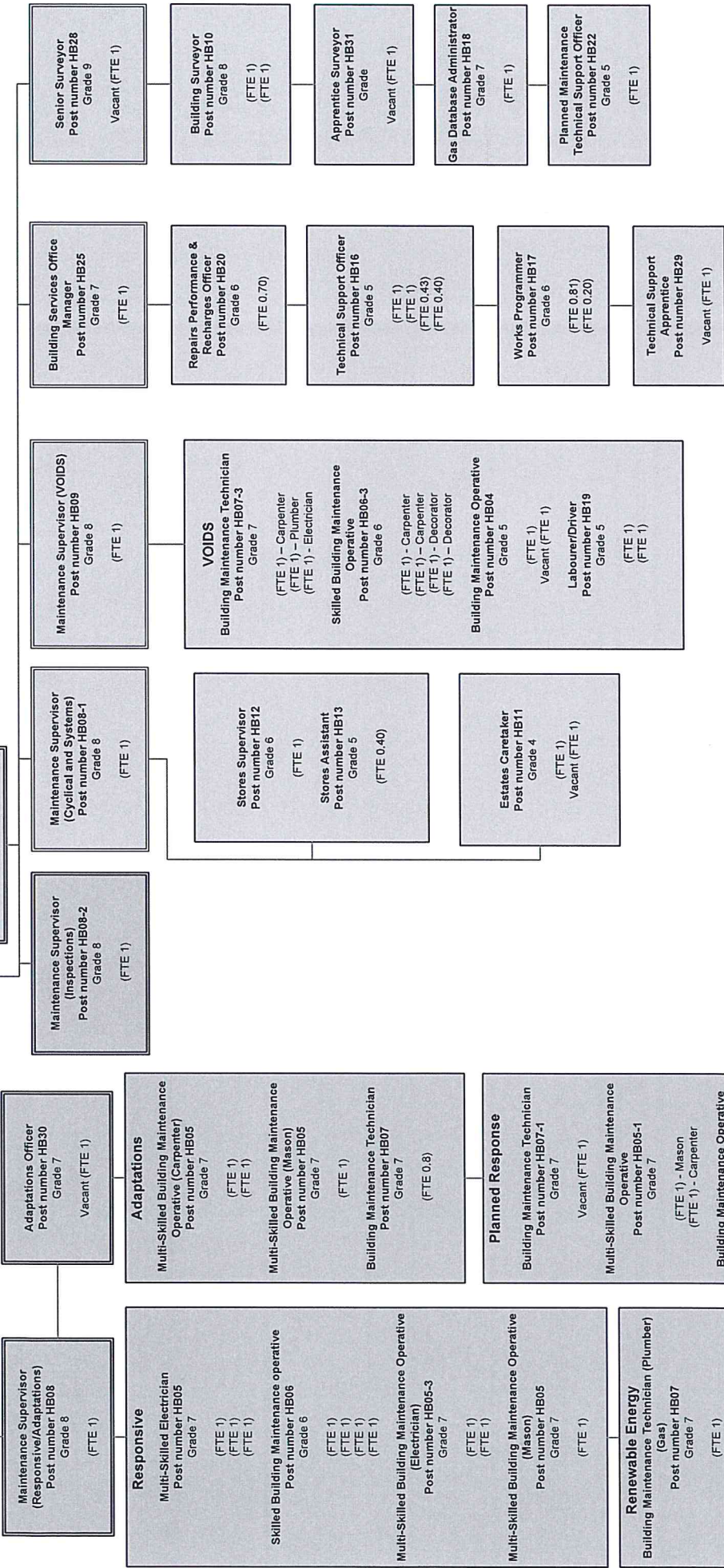


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