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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to apply for the National Graduate Development Programme (NGDP) which I found following a public sector careers event at which two graduate NGDP interns from Leicester City Council spoke about their experiences.

Having worked within local government for four years, I have gained insight into the core function local councils play in ensuring the security, wellbeing and development of its residents through their delivery of key services in education, housing and building, leisure, transport and more. The positive impact I made to residents in this role inspired me to pursue a degree in Politics and International Relations.

The NGDP appeals to me immensely as I aspire to continue making a difference to the public and working for a socially responsible employer who shares the same vision. Watching the videos on your website, as well as listening to the careers talk, I was really impressed with the level of variety and responsibility given to the graduates with the opportunity to make a real impact to projects, such as the Milton Keynes 2050 Future project, which includes bid writing for its own University and a research and retention strategy for young people within the borough. It was also reassuring to see that graduates on the programme are given the opportunity to study further in a professional capacity.

During my degree, I studied British Politics, The European Union and Contemporary World Arena through which I have learnt a considerable amount about how the impact of international and national politics can affect local government and people. I also studied an elective Sociology module and explored current challenges faced by core services such as policing and scored 68%. In addition to my degree knowledge, my professional employment within a local council developed my proficiency in working collaboratively within a multi-agency team, liaising with different council sections to resolve customer queries. Dealing with queries also developed my problem solving and communication ability, which I understand are requirements for this role. Balancing my degree as a mature student, employment and parental responsibilities has also advanced my resilience and organisation ability.

I would be delighted to be considered for the NGDP and have attached my application with further information for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully

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