

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

In addition to the duties of a councillor the following applies:

Role	Duties and Responsibilities
Purpose	Provide strong, clear political leadership for the largest opposition group on the Council.
Leadership/Strategic Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead on the coordination of proposals on service delivery policies, corporate and resource strategies for the largest opposition group.• Ensure the Shadow Cabinet operates effectively both collectively and as individual portfolio holders.• Coordinate the participation of the opposition group in the business of the council and its committees.
Good Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work to the highest standards of probity and corporate governance for the wellbeing of the borough.• Promote adherence to the relevant codes of conduct in the interest of achieving the highest standards of behaviour in public office.• Ensure that the interests of the borough and its citizens are taken into account when developing proposals for opposition policy and strategy.
Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be the principal representative voice of the council's largest opposition group.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop necessary skills and knowledge in order to effectively carry out the role.• Encourage councillors to develop and maintain skills and knowledge to contribute to the work of the council.
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build effective and respectful relationships with Members, officers and representatives of outside organisations and work with them in developing opposition policy and strategic direction.• Be aware of issues of importance to residents of the borough and other stakeholders.
Challenge and Oversight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide constructive challenge of the executive's vision, policies, strategies and delivery of services.