

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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

Role	Duties and Responsibilities
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide effective political leadership for the executive and the council.• Develop and provide strategic direction for the executive and the council.• Ensure that the council delivers high quality, value for money services.
Leadership/ Strategic Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead the executive and be responsible for the executive's and the council's corporate and resource strategies.• Develop the policy framework for the executive and the council.• Communicate the administration's policies and priorities to residents and other stakeholders.• Communicate with the senior officer management team and receive their professional advice.• Ensure that the executive operates effectively and fulfils its terms of reference both collectively and as individual portfolio holders.• Champion the long term financial, business and economic stability of the council.
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 policy and strategies.
Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be the representative voice of the council in its dealings with central government, other local authorities and outside organisations.
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop necessary skills and knowledge in order to effectively carry out your 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 policy and strategic direction.• Be aware of issues of importance to residents of the borough and other council stakeholders.