
CABINET PORTFOLIOS 2016/17

Leader of the Council – Councillor Peter John

To provide leadership of the council, by setting the strategic direction and key priorities and representing the council in the community and in negotiations with regional and national organisations. The leader will appoint the deputy leader and other members of the cabinet and has the discretion to change cabinet member portfolios during the year. In the absence of a cabinet member the leader will have responsibility for all relevant matters within the remit of the cabinet.

The leader will have particular responsibility for:

- performance management of the cabinet;
- communications;
- jobs and growth, with the cabinet member for business, employment and culture;
- the Bakerloo Line extension, with the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes;
- strategic partnerships and relationships with government and the Mayor of London;
- legal services;
- electoral registration;
- the workforce strategy, together with the cabinet member for finance, modernisation and performance;
- the 30 year housing strategy;
- improved further education provision for the borough, with the cabinet member for business, employment and culture and the cabinet member for children and schools.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing – Councillor Stephanie Cryan

To deputise for the Leader of the Council in his absence by representing the borough at external events, within the council and when necessary chairing Cabinet.

To be responsible for the housing portfolio, including housing management, community housing services, including homelessness and sheltered housing, housing allocations, the housing investment programme and leasehold management.

To work closely with the cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion (with regard to the housing needs of vulnerable adults) and to work closely with the leader and cabinet member for regeneration and new homes with regard to delivering the long-term housing stock strategy and 11,000 new council houses.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- relationships with tenants and residents associations;
- housing asset strategy including delivering a quality kitchen and bathroom for every council tenant;
- meeting tenant and leaseholder expectations of major works contracts;
- housing services;
- housing allocations;
- community housing including homelessness and sheltered housing
- housing repairs;
- engaging with council tenants and leaseholders;
- delivering a new leaseholder management company;
- rehousing arrangements as part of major regeneration projects;
- quality of estate environment including communal repairs, cleaning and pest control;
- lettings policy and policy on illegal subletting and estate security;
- response to the government's housing reforms.

Cabinet Member for Public Health, Parks and Leisure – Councillor Maisie Anderson

To promote and develop sport and leisure in the borough including sport development and delivery of free swimming and gym use for all residents. To increase the quality of and residents access to the borough's parks and green spaces.

To improve the health of the borough including the council's responsibilities for public health. The portfolio holder will work closely with the cabinet member for children and schools (with regard to children's health, play and teenage pregnancy), with the cabinet member for adult care and financial inclusion (with regard to health in older people).

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- the council's public health role;
- swimming and gym use;
- the council's relationship with the NHS;
- local health services;
- trees;
- bio-diversity;
- reducing teenage conception rates;
- performance of the council's leisure contractor;
- leisure investment;
- working with grassroots sport and leisure communities;
- promoting sport and increasing physical activity;
- play and leisure activities for young people;
- healthier high streets with the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes;
- air quality;
- parks.

Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance – Councillor Fiona Colley

To ensure sound business planning and financial probity within the council, including the medium term resource strategy and all financial management of the general fund, the housing revenue account, the capital programme and the management of capital receipts. To keep council tax low by delivering value for money across all our high quality services.

The portfolio holder will be responsible for oversight of the development and implementation of the council's budget and for the development and delivery of the council's corporate modernisation programme to transform the way it works - to secure savings, improve customer services and deliver value for money for local residents and businesses.

To be responsible for performance management across the council and the integration of the council's budget and Fairer Future Plan enabling the council to deliver on the cabinet's priorities and to cope with financial constraints, together with its partners.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- council tax and business rate collection;
- corporate IT;
- customer services – including face to face, telephone and digital services;
- corporate procurement, corporate debt strategy, income management and audit & risk management and anti-fraud;
- property and asset management strategy including acquisitions and disposal – with the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes in relation to major regeneration schemes;
- human resources;
- workforce strategy - with the leader;
- corporate strategy, including the Fairer Future Plan, performance management, shared services, service delivery modernisation;
- developing and delivering a more efficient, effective and sustainable council;
- broadband in Rotherhithe;
- response to the government's welfare reforms.

Cabinet Member for Communities and Safety – Councillor Barrie Hargrove

To improve the council's engagement with all Southwark's communities, including those hardest to reach.

To champion volunteering throughout Southwark. To promote equality and diversity and be a champion for Southwark's varied and diverse communities.

To deliver a safer Southwark through oversight of council initiatives and services concerned with community safety, tackling anti-social behaviour, enforcement policy, emergency planning and business continuity. The portfolio holder will work with the police to deliver a domestic violence strategy and further roll out of the women's safety charter. The cabinet member will work closely with the cabinet member for children and schools (to work to reduce the number of young people who are victims of crime or commit offences).

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- relationships with the voluntary and community sector;
- community councils and community engagement;
- relationships with faith communities;
- Southwark diversity standard;
- equalities and equal opportunities;
- volunteering;
- developing networks of community volunteer champions;
- working to ensure Southwark has a strong voluntary and community sector.
- crime & drugs strategy and alcohol control zones;
- licensing policy;
- lobbying to increase Southwark's police;
- environmental health;
- trading standards;
- Southwark anti-social behaviour unit;
- domestic violence strategy;
- women's safety charter;
- the community warden service;
- noise nuisance;
- CCTV and other safety measures in public places.
- licensing and standards of private rented sector landlords;
- Cleaner, Greener, Safer programme.

Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Financial Inclusion – Councillor Richard Livingstone

To safeguard the needs of vulnerable adults, the provision of personal social services, services to older people, services to people with disabilities, services to those with HIV/AIDS and/or those with drug and alcohol problems, services to those with mental health needs and “supporting people”. The portfolio holder will work closely with the cabinet member for housing (with regard to the housing needs of vulnerable adults).

To promote financial inclusion and lead the council work to crack down on payday lenders and other irresponsible lenders.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- relationship with the credit union;
- financial inclusion;
- Southwark Smart Savers;
- payday lenders and responsible lending (with the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes);
- adult social care, including personalisation;
- Southwark an Age Friendly borough;
- the council's contribution to the freedom pass and approach on the taxicard scheme;
- older people and pensioner poverty;
- ethical care and improving the quality of homecare;
- disability and supporting vulnerable people.

The Cabinet Member will work with the Deputy Cabinet Member for Mental Health.

Cabinet Member for Children and Schools – Councillor Victoria Mills

To assume the statutory role of lead member for children's services in accordance with the guidance produced by the Department for Education (DfE), including responsibility for children's social care and early years the inclusion agenda, and work to implement the children and young people's plan. The portfolio holder will hold political accountability and exercise leadership over all areas included in DfE guidance. They will work closely with the cabinet member for public health, parks and leisure (with regard to children's health, play and teenage pregnancy) and with the cabinet member for communities and safety (with regard to children's safety and youth offending).

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- 18 year old employment, education and training guarantee with the cabinet member for business, employment and culture;
- youth offending;
- universal services for people aged 0-19;
- early intervention;
- child protection and specialist services for most vulnerable children, young people and their families;
- raising the quality of children's services;
- school place provision and admissions;
- expanding affordable childcare and nurseries;
- free healthy school meals and free fruit in schools;
- raising school standards and attainment;
- the youth fund;
- capital investment in schools;
- safeguarding children;
- corporate parenting including fostering and adoption;
- Southwark Scholars;
- further education (16-18).

The Cabinet Member will work with the Deputy Cabinet Member for Young People and Careers.

Cabinet Member for Business, Employment and Culture – Cllr Johnson Situ

To promote business growth and employment, including helping Southwark residents into 5,000 jobs and 2,000 apprenticeships. Develop and deliver a new Southwark Business Forum and working with the cabinet member for regeneration and new homes to ensure that Southwark's employers and job-seekers get a good deal out of development.

To promote and develop arts and culture in the borough, including museums and heritage. To promote our libraries and encourage more people to use them.

The cabinet member will lead the council's work on improving our high streets, business space and new shops.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- economic development and employment;
- business improvement districts;
- the council's relationship with Jobcentre Plus;
- employment and enterprise support;
- better business space;
- Fairtrade;
- promoting fair pay and the London Living Wage;
- business engagement;
- Southwark Business Forum
- adult learning, post 18 further education and training;
- libraries;
- events;
- civic issues;
- working with organisations in the borough's thriving culture communities;
- increasing access to arts and culture including for vulnerable groups;
- 18 year old employment, education and training guarantee with the cabinet member for children and schools;
- Southwark Arts Scholars.

The Cabinet Member will work with the Deputy Cabinet Member for Cultural Strategy.

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and New Homes – Councillor Mark Williams

To deliver regeneration which benefits our communities. To facilitate the sustainable regeneration of Southwark's communities in partnership with local residents and businesses.

To lead on the delivery of strategic transport projects necessary for the delivery of regeneration in the borough such as the delivery of the Bakerloo Line.

To deliver on Southwark's commitment to build more homes of every kind including 11,000 new council homes.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- the council's relationship with Transport for London;
- extension of the Bakerloo Line, with the leader;
- regeneration in the borough [all aspects of development control and planning in Rotherhithe (Canada Water), Bermondsey, Borough & Bankside and Walworth (Elephant & Castle and Aylesbury Estate), Camberwell, Peckham, Nunhead and Dulwich] including transport strategy in regeneration;
- community infrastructure levy and allocation of section 106 funds;
- development of the local development framework;
- planning policy and continuing improvements in planning performance;
- high street planning and with the cabinet member for public health, parks and leisure making high streets healthier;
- Delivery of 11,000 new council houses.

Cabinet Member for Environment and the Public Realm – Councillor Ian Wingfield

To continue to improve the borough's environment and champion sustainability, including having responsibility for waste management, increasing recycling and reducing waste to landfill. To continue reducing the borough's carbon emissions and increase the use of green energy including with SELCHP.

To be responsible for street scene and highway infrastructure, traffic management and parking enforcement.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- markets and business space;
- street cleaning including litter and dog fouling;
- recycling and landfill;
- refuse collection;
- carbon reduction and climate change;
- green energy;
- cemeteries and crematorium services;
- marinas and internal waterways;
- flooding and flood defences;
- roads and road safety;
- parking;
- street scene;
- cycling and walking strategy.

All deputy cabinet members

The duties and responsibilities of deputy cabinet members will be:

- to assist cabinet members with specific aspects of their portfolio
- to contribute to the process of setting policy direction, development and review by assisting cabinet members to develop specific aspects of their individual portfolio
- to represent the relevant cabinet member at non-decision making meetings
- to assist cabinet members in the drafting and preparation of reports, responses to questions and other work related to the cabinet deputy's duties
- to promote the core values, corporate priorities and objectives of the council.

Deputy cabinet members will:

- be appointed by the leader using his "strong leader" responsibilities
- hold responsibility for specific tasks designated by the leader, following consultation with the monitoring officer
- be able to attend cabinet meetings but could not take part in any formal decision making
- have access to information on a "need to know" basis only and this access would be proportionate to their defined role or duties
- be called to account when acting in their official capacity.

The following deputy cabinet members have appointed by the leader:

Deputy Cabinet Member for Cultural Strategy– Councillor Octavia Lamb

Deputy Cabinet Member for Mental Health – Councillor Helen Dennis

Deputy Cabinet Member for Young People and Careers – Councillor Evelyn Akoto