

Cabinet Portfolios 2020/21

Cllr Kieron Williams, Leader

To provide leadership of the council, by setting the strategic direction, 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:

- Setting the political and strategic direction for the council
- Performance management of the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members
- Strategic partnerships and relationships with government, NHS, City Hall and the Mayor of London
- Council Plan and Southwark Stands Together programme
- Local economic strategy
- Communications, campaigns and public affairs
- Emergency planning and business continuity

Cllr Jasmine Ali, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Schools

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 safeguard children in Southwark and lead policies to support them. 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. To lead our work with academies and other education providers to improve standards in every school in the borough so that no child is left behind.

To lead the council's work on young people including young people's mental health, youth services and play.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Working with the Leader of the Council to support the political and strategic leadership of the council
- Play (working with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Roads)
- Early years' services & children and family centres
- Child care
- Schools & nurseries
- Reducing school exclusions
- Further education for young people aged 16 to 18
- Promoting the teaching of black history in schools
- Developing a Southwark standard for professional development and teacher induction
- Special Education Needs
- Children's social care
- Corporate parenting and care leavers
- Fostering and adoption
- Child & adolescent mental health (working with the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Community Safety)
- School nursing and health visiting
- Free healthy school and nursery meals and fruit
- Young people and youth services, including the young advisors (working with the Cabinet Members for Communities & Equalities and for Jobs, Culture and Skills)
- Youth offending services

Cllr Evelyn Akoto, Cabinet Member for Public Health & Community Safety

To lead the council's public health work and our partnership with the NHS, including the public health response to the Covid19 pandemic. To reduce health inequality in the borough including tackling HIV, drug and alcohol services and mental health issues. To lead public health work across Cabinet, including working with the Cabinet Members for Social Support & Homelessness regarding homelessness, Leisure, Environment & Roads regarding physical activity and fitness, cycling, walking, and air quality, and Jobs, Culture & Skills regarding healthier high streets.

To deliver a safer Southwark through oversight of council initiatives and services concerned with community safety including tackling anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls. To lead joint work with the police and other community safety partners. Work with the Safeguarding Adults Board and community safety partners.

To lead the council's work on regulated services, licensing and trading standards.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Covid19
- Health & Wellbeing Strategy (working with the Cabinet Members for Children, Young People & Schools and for Social Support & Homelessness)
- Reducing health inequalities, including those faced by black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- Health Intelligence, protection & improvement
- Local health services, including GP practices
- Food
- Childhood obesity (working with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Schools)
- Drug and alcohol services
- Sexual health
- Teenage conceptions
- HIV
- Gambling
- Environmental health
- Licensing
- Trading standards
- Regulated services
- Noise nuisance
- Crime & anti-social behaviour
- Reducing violence, including knife crime
- Domestic abuse (working with the Cabinet Member for Housing)
- Women's Safety charter
- Strengthening community relations with the police & promoting equitable policing
- Community wardens
- CCTV and other safety measures in public places
- Public spaces protection orders
- Radicalisation and extremism
- Relationship with the police

Cllr Helen Dennis, Cabinet Member for Social Support & Homelessness

To safeguard the needs of vulnerable adults, the provision of personal social services, services to older people, services to people with disabilities. To work with partners to deliver support for Southwark residents through the Community Support Alliance, building on the success of the Community Hub. To work with the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Community Safety to improve services for those with HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol problems or mental health needs.

To lead on the council's work on homelessness and supported housing, working to end rough sleeping in Southwark. Working closely with the Cabinet Member for Housing with regard to the housing needs of vulnerable adults.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Establishing a Southwark Community Support Alliance (working with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Equalities)
- Adult social care
- Adult mental health
- Adults with disabilities
- Older people
- Integration of health and social care (working with the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Community Safety)
- Age friendly borough
- Accessible travel
- Gypsies and travellers
- Supported housing
- Nursing and care homes
- Commissioning and management of extra care & sheltered housing (working with the Cabinet Member for Housing)
- Homelessness services
- Rough sleeping
- Southwark Emergency Support Scheme
- Advice Services
- No recourse to public funds
- Borough of Sanctuary (working with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Equalities)

Cllr Stephanie Cryan, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Culture & Skills

To promote business growth and employment and lead on the council's work to rebuild and renew Southwark's local economy, including restoring employment levels. To lead on our work to support residents into jobs, apprenticeships and internships. To lead on support for local businesses, including the Green New Deal for Southwark. To work with local employers to improve working standards, pay and conditions. Working with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Schools, lead the council's work helping young people prepare for work, paid internships and the employment education and training guarantee. To lead the council's drive to increase access to English, maths and digital skills training and supporting people to get back into work and progress into better quality jobs.

Oversee improvements to our town centres to make sure they are all vibrant places great to do business, work, socialise and live. Lead on the council's work on improving our high streets, business space and new shops. Work with the Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Planning & Transport to ensure that Southwark's employers and job-seekers get a good deal out of development.

To lead the council's response to Brexit, ensuring that the council is prepared and able to continue to deliver its fairer future programme after Brexit. To work with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Equalities to support EU residents in Southwark with the effects of Brexit.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Increasing employment
- Brexit
- Town centres (working with the Cabinet Members for Climate Emergency, Planning & Transport and for Communities & Equalities)
- Libraries
- Culture, arts & events
- Creative and cultural district
- Business
- Cooperatives & mutuals
- Workspace & markets
- Promoting good employment practices and fair pay
- Promoting equality and diversity in the workplace and cultural and arts sectors
- Making Southwark a Living Wage Place
- Scholarships, apprenticeships, internships and work experience
- Further, adult and higher education for people aged 18 and over
- 18 year old and care leavers' employment, education and training (working with the Cabinet member for Children, Young People and Schools)
- Supporting businesses to engage with schools and colleges (working with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Schools)
- Fairtrade
- Walworth Town Hall
- Relationship with Jobcentre Plus
- Relationship with Southwark College

Cllr Rebecca Lury, Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

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 be responsible for performance management across the council. To lead 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:

- Resource strategy
- Performance management across the council
- Financial management
- Council tax and business rate collection
- Income management and debt strategy
- Pension Fund
- Capital investment
- Receipts
- Acquisitions and disposals
- Audit & risk management and anti-fraud
- Property and asset management
- Facilities management
- Corporate IT & IT shared services
- Human resources and trade union relations
- Increasing equality and diversity in the council's workforce
- Procurement (working with the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Culture and Skills)
- Legal services
- Constitutional services
- Electoral registration
- Council's response to welfare reform (working with the Cabinet Members for Jobs, Culture & Innovation and for Social Support and Homelessness)

Cllr Alice Macdonald, Cabinet Member for Communities & Equalities

To improve the council's engagement with all Southwark's communities, especially those who are hardest to reach. To be responsible for strengthening the voluntary and community sector, supporting volunteering across the borough.

To champion equality and diversity across the borough and be a champion for Southwark's varied and diverse communities. To lead on the council's work to tackle inequality and ensure that fairness and justice are the cornerstone of all the decisions we make. Working with partners and communities across Southwark, to lead on our work on neighbourhoods, including creating new neighbourhood charters.

To deliver the council's corporate programme to transform the way it works – to modernise, secure savings, improve customer services and deliver value for money for local residents and businesses. To ensure excellence in customer service for our residents.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Equalities
- Women rights
- LGBTQI
- Community engagement, participation & development
- Increasing the voice and influence of black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- Neighbourhoods, including social regeneration charters
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- Faith communities
- Volunteering
- Civic issues
- Community grants and investment, including: Local Community Infrastructure Levy; Common Purpose Fund; Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund; Democracy Fund; Neighbourhoods Fund; and, Resident Participation Fund
- Community and tenants & residents halls and centres
- Financial inclusion
- Digital inclusion
- Digital infrastructure & improving broadband
- Website
- Customer services
- Registrar's service
- Coroners service

Cllr Leo Pollak, Cabinet Member for Housing

To be responsible for the housing in Southwark, including housing management, housing allocations, the housing investment programme and leasehold management. To deliver the council's housing delivery strategy, including 11,000 new council homes, and establish a Southwark Construction Company to ensure that the council builds more of their own homes, delivering jobs to local people. To lead on the management of the council's homes, including repairs and major works. Lead on resident participation, empowering more residents to get involved in decisions about their homes.

To lead on improving the quality of private rented homes and reducing the number of empty homes in the borough. To work closely with the Cabinet Member for Social Support & Homelessness regarding the housing needs of vulnerable adults. To deliver estate renewal programmes that benefit communities and to give local residents the tools they need to improve their own estates.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Housing Strategy (working with the Cabinet Members for Social Support and Homelessness and for Climate Emergency, Planning & Transport)
- New council homes
- New older people's, sheltered and extra care homes
- Estate renewal programmes, including Aylesbury, Ledbury, Tustin and Abbeyfield (working with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Equalities)
- Housing allocations and lettings
- Management of the council's homes
- Council housing asset management strategy & investment programme, including embedding the Great Estates programme and initiatives
- Working with council tenants, residents & homeowners (working with the Cabinet Members for Communities & Equalities & for Climate, Change, Planning and Transport)
- Housing repairs & major works
- Homeowners services
- Southwark Construction Company
- Private rented housing, including licencing & the renters union
- Empty homes and underoccupation
- Short term-lets
- Moorings, marinas & associated infrastructure (working with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Environment & Roads)
- Relationship with housing associations

Cllr Catherine Rose, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Environment & Roads

To promote leisure and sport in the borough and increase the quality of the borough's parks and green spaces. To ensure that the borough's streets are clean, and increase the number of people who use them on foot or by bike, making cycling genuinely accessible to all. Ensure residents can access high quality leisure services and promote play and leisure activities for young people. Working with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Safety, increase physical activity and resident use of all our park and leisure spaces.

To be responsible for street scene and highway infrastructure, traffic management and parking enforcement. Lead on waste management, increasing recycling and reducing waste to landfill. Work with the Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Planning & Transport to promote sustainability and improve air quality, particularly around schools.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Leisure services
- Sport and physical activity (working with the Cabinet Member for Public Health & Community Safety)
- Parks
- Cemeteries and crematorium services
- Biodiversity & trees
- Flooding, flood defences & internal waterways
- Estate cleaning & grounds maintenance (working with the Cabinet Member for Housing)
- Waste & Recycling
- Ending single use plastics
- Fly-tipping
- Pest control
- Air quality
- Street scene and road safety
- Promoting equality and diversity in the public realm
- Street cleaning
- School streets
- Cycle parking and storage
- Electric vehicles infrastructure
- Parking

Cllr Johnson Situ, Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Planning & Transport

To lead the council's work on tackling the Climate Emergency, continuing to improve the borough's environment and our contribution to a greener city and a greener planet. To work with Cabinet Members across portfolios to champion sustainability and continue reducing the borough's carbon emissions. Increase the use of green energy including with South East London Combined Heat and Power (SELCHP).

To deliver strategic growth and development plans for the borough which deliver new homes, jobs and infrastructure that benefits local communities. To facilitate suitable development in partnership with local residents and businesses, particularly in Opportunity Areas. Ensure that planning and development delivers not just new homes for local people, but also improves access to quality local services for Southwark residents. To lead on our consultation and engagement with the community around planning and strategic development, ensuring that their views shape every aspect of our work.

To lead on transport and travel strategy, including the delivery of strategic transport projects necessary for growth and development in the borough such as the Bakerloo line extension.

The cabinet member will have particular responsibility for:

- Reducing carbon emissions and promoting climate justice
- Green energy
- Planning policy and performance and building control
- Ensuring development delivers for the whole community, including children and young people and black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- Area Action Plans, including Old Kent Road and Canada Water (working with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Equalities)
- Increasing the supply of homes through planning and regeneration (working with the Cabinet Member for Housing)
- Increasing economic growth through planning and regeneration (working with the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Culture and Skills)
- Major infrastructure project, including the Bakerloo Line Extension
- Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 payments
- Transport & travel strategy (working with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Environment & Roads)
- Public transport
- Relationship with TfL

Cllr Radha Burges, Deputy Cabinet Member for Low Traffic Southwark

- Increasing the proportion of Southwark's streets & estates dedicated to zero carbon, zero pollution uses
- Increasing cycling and walking
- Reducing traffic