

Section 3 - Responsibility for Executive Functions

Portfolio Responsibilities for Executive Members

Executive

Member Portfolio

Leader

To provide political leadership on behalf of residents, stakeholders and partners in the co-ordination of Council strategies, policies and service delivery, ensuring good quality services.

To provide political leadership in the development of local, regional, sub-regional strategy and strategic partnerships.

To promote and enhance the reputation of Sunderland, the city and the council, at national, European and international levels.

To ensure that the Council's approach to economic, social and physical regeneration of the City is integrated, enabling and effective.

To provide democratic leadership to partners, residents and stakeholders.

To co-ordinate and apportion the roles and responsibilities of Members.

Deputy Leader

In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader has overall responsibility for the portfolio of the Leader of the Council.

To support the Leader as appropriate, working collectively with the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members.

To support the Leader in the approach to strategic economic, social and physical regeneration activity in the City.

To provide political leadership in relation to communications and corporate affairs.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to equalities, safer communities and

social inclusion including the work in the city with the armed forces.

To ensure that the Council's approach to people management and development is enabling and effective.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of Environment and Transport priorities including its low carbon agenda and plan, ensuring that the City is as attractive, sustainable and attractive for all.

To ensure that the Council's approach to Environment and Transport agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions. This includes improving the physical environment and its connectivity for sustainable living, working and visiting the city.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to environment and transport, sustainability and energy partnerships.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Environment, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Protection and Place Regulation functions.

Cabinet Secretary

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the efficient and effective deployment of resources to sustain services that matter to local people and to local communities.

To deputise for the Leader as appropriate.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to Community Wealth Building and Cooperative development agendas, leading on the creation of social value through procurement and supporting the embedding of these principles across all portfolios.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to functions within Corporate Services and Data Protection.

To ensure that the Council's internal operations are integrated, enabling and effective and the

Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to Corporate Services.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to commissioned and procured partnerships as well as partnerships where Sunderland is the lead authority.

Children, Learning and Skills

To be the designated "lead member for children's services" in accordance with Section 19 of the Children Act 2004.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of Children, Learning and Skills to ensure that children and young people achieve the best outcomes and supporting adult all age learning and skills.

To provide political leadership to the Council's work to tackle child poverty, and as the Council's designated Food Champion, the food poverty agenda.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the Children, Learning and Skills agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its statutory role in relation to these functions.

Healthy City

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of health and life chances of children and adults.

To provide political leadership to an all-population approach to public health, narrowing the health inequalities gap to achieve the best outcomes for all residents.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the Adults and Public Health agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic roles in relation to these functions.

To exercise political leadership policy oversight relating to the Council's Adults and Public Health functions.

Vibrant City

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of local communities to achieve the best outcomes as well as ensuring a

wide ranging cultural offer and communities having the access to the opportunities on offer in the city.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the Communities, Culture, Leisure and Community Resilience agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to Area/Community and Cultural Partnerships.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Communities and Culture functions, including tourism and heritage.

Dynamic City

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of Housing, Regeneration and Planning priorities, ensuring that the City achieves the best outcomes from physical and economic regeneration including business and housing growth.

To ensure that the Council's approach to Housing and Regeneration agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to partnerships relating to housing and regeneration.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Regeneration and Housing functions, including dealing with homelessness.

To ensure Community Wealth Building and Cooperative development approaches to delivering these priorities and functions, including a focus on the growth of the SME sector and on opportunities for the expansion of social housing across the city.

Exercise of Executive Functions

The Leader may personally discharge any executive function or may make arrangements for their discharge by the Executive, another Member of the Executive, or Committee of the Executive, or an officer of the authority.

Subject thereto, each executive member shall be authorised to take any executive decision relating to a matter within the remit of their portfolio subject to the following:-

- a) the executive member shall comply with the requirements of Article 13 of this Constitution relating to Decision Making and Rule 22 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and any other relevant Procedural Rules contained in this Constitution.
- b) an executive member may refer any matter within their executive portfolio to Cabinet for decision.
- c) the Leader may refer any executive matter to Cabinet for decision.
- d) any matter which requires the approval of Council shall be referred to the Cabinet for the formulation of proposals to Council.
- e) an executive member shall not exercise a function expressly delegated to a Chief Officer under this part of the Constitution save that a Chief Officer may refer an executive matter for decision to an executive member or the Cabinet.