

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 strategies 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, ensuring a collaborative approach to the development and delivery of services which meet people's needs and aspirations.

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

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

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

As a member of the North East Combined Authority (NECA) Cabinet, to provide leadership on behalf of the city in relation to NECA's activities and delivery of the trailblazer devolution deal for the benefit of Sunderland residents.

	To provide political leadership to the Council's Smart City agenda.
	To undertake the role of Armed Forces Champion for the Council.
Deputy Leader of the Council and Health, Wellbeing and Safer Communities Portfolio Holder	<p>In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader has overall responsibility for the portfolio of the Leader of the Council</p> <p>To support the Leader as appropriate, working collectively with the Cabinet.</p> <p>To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of health and life chances of children and adults.</p> <p>To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's adults and public health functions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To ensure that the Council's approach to the adults and public health agendas is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.</p> <p>To provide political leadership in relation to dealing with homelessness and the safer communities agenda.</p> <p>To Chair the Safer Sunderland Partnership and to lead for the city in associated regional and national partnerships – including the Northumbria Police and Crime Panel.</p>
Children's Services, Child Poverty and Skills	<p>To be the designated "lead member for children's services" in accordance with Section 19 of the Children Act 2004.</p> <p>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.</p>

To provide political leadership to the Council's work to reduce child poverty, and to be the Council's designated Food Champion.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the Children, Learning and Skills 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 learning and skills agendas and approaches for post-16 and people of all ages in Sunderland, ensuring they can benefit from the social, economic and employment opportunities being created in the city.

Communities, Culture and Tourism

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 exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's communities and culture and heritage functions, including development and implementation of a tourism strategy.

To ensure that the Council's approach to communities, culture, leisure, physical activity and resident engagement and resilience is integrated, enabling and that the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to community cohesion and Community Wealth Building.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to area/community and cultural partnerships and the development of area-based events.

Corporate Services and Equalities

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 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 exercise political policy oversight relating to the Finance, Governance, IT, People Management, Property and Facilities Management, and Customer and Enabling Services functions within Corporate Services.

To have political oversight of corporate planning and performance management activities and the development of the City Plan.

To exercise political policy oversight in relation to data protection and the Council's Equalities and Inclusion agenda and activities.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the creation of social value through procurement activities.

Environment, Transport and Net Zero

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the environment, ensuring that the city is clean, green, attractive and accessible for all.

To provide political leadership of the co-ordination of all enforcement activity across the council.

To provide political leadership to the Council's climate change and low carbon plans and activities, working towards being a net zero council and net zero city.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the environment is integrated, enabling and effective, and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions. This includes exercising political policy oversight in relation to public protection and place regulation to create a high-quality physical environment for living and working in and visiting the city.

To provide political leadership to environment, low carbon and energy partnerships and the Net Zero policy agenda.

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the council's local transport and infrastructure priorities and plans, supporting

the development of great transport links and active travel opportunities.

Housing, Regeneration and Business

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of housing, regeneration and planning, 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 the 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, with particular focus on expanding social housing across the city.

To work across the region to grow the business base of the city with a particular focus on growing the SME sector.

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.