

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CABINET 2025/26**Report by the Leader of the Council**

The Cabinet will consist of the Leader of the Council with at least one, but no more than nine, one of whom shall be the Deputy Leader, Councillors appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader. Each of the Cabinet Members shall be responsible for a portfolio/ or local government area.

DELEGATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

In accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules and Terms of Reference executive functions will be delegated to the following Cabinet Executive Members:

The extent of the authority delegated to these Members will be as set out in Section 14.6.5 to 14.6.12 of the Council's Constitution.

PORTFOLIO	CABINET EXECUTIVE MEMBER
Enterprise	Cllr Tamsin Thomas
Environment	Cllr Amy Allen
Governance	Cllr Daniel Allen
Regulatory	Cllr Mick Debenham
Resources	Cllr Ian Albert
Customer Experience	Cllr Sean Nolan
Place	Cllr Donna Wright
Local Government Reorganisation/ Devolution	Cllr Laura Williams

Special Interest Member Champions 2025/26

SPECIAL INTEREST	MEMBER
Health	VACANT
Young people	Cllr Cathy Brownjohn
Environment	Cllr Emma Fernandes
Housing	Cllr Daniel Wright-Mason

The Purpose and Role of a Special Interest Champion is set out under Annex 1. *Note these are not Executive positions, which will be undertaken by the relevant Executive Member for the areas concerned, Leader in default of that, or Cabinet as a whole.*

**Cllr Val Bryant
Leader of the Council
29 January 2026**

Annex 1

Special Interest Member Champion Purpose and Role

What is their Purpose?

A Special Interest Member Champion will be an elected Member who, in addition to their other Council responsibilities, is a named champion for a particular issue or group. They will provide a non-Executive or non-Officer voice to that subject or group to ensure a focus on these issues in Council business (within the context of the Council Plan, its priorities, remit and resources).

What is their Role?

Typically, a Special Interest Member Champion:

- Will engage with Officers and Members in relation to the role.
- Will promote the issue of special interest or group being championed within the Council, so that it is considered when developing Policy, Strategy or making decisions.
- May ask questions about performance and resources for the issue or group.
- Will raise the profile of the area and (where not already adopted or promoted) foster awareness of good practice for improvement of services.
- May attend and be invited to speak at Overview & Scrutiny/ Cabinet or Full Council meetings where an agenda item specifically involves their special interest.
- May engage with community groups with an interest/stake in the issue or group.

How does their role fit within the Council structure?

This will vary according to the area/issue that is being championed and how the authority functions. There is potential for confusion and overlap between the role of the Special Interest Member Champion and those of the relevant Executive Member or Overview and Scrutiny Members.

It is therefore important that Members and Officers work together to agree roles and action for the area being championed and that there are mechanisms for the Special Interest Member Champion to report on their activities. *In the first instance, the Member Champion will raise issues with and have a reporting line to the relevant Executive Member for the special interest concerned, to ensure that all parties have sufficient pre-reporting/ publicity information.*

[Save in so far as any decision is taken by the Council members as a whole] this is not a decision making role. A Special Interest Member Champion should avoid committing themselves to an outcome of a decision, in advance of that decision, that they have a vote upon.