## **Deputy Leader of the Council Role**

The Deputy Leader will have the following responsibilities:

- To chair the meetings of Cabinet in the absence of the Leader
- To support the Leader in all aspects of their work, particularly in relation to providing the political direction on strategic issues.
- To provide the political lead, in particular, in corporate initiatives and strategies and assume specific responsibility in areas, such as the best value process and economic development.
- To ensure that effective communication mechanisms exist with non-executive councillors and to ensure that the Cabinet takes their views into account.
- To provide support to portfolio-holders as and when required and to carry out their duties on those occasions when they are absent.