

Leader of the Council Role

The Leader will have the following responsibilities:

- To appoint Councillors to serve on the Cabinet.
- To allocate areas of responsibilities to those members of the Cabinet
- To provide leadership to the Council and the political administration.
- To act as principal spokesperson for the Council and the administration.
- To assume prime responsibility to the local community for the decisions and the work of the Cabinet.
- To act as a focus for the interface with officers, in particular the Chief Executive, management team and the Council's statutory officers.
- To lead the development of the Council's strategic and corporate planning process and to secure the duty of continuous improvement to services and improvements to the environmental, social, and economic well-being of the District.
- To take prime responsibility for presenting the Cabinet's proposals and Forward Plan to the Council and the community of Hart.
- To take overall responsibility for the Cabinet in relation to participating in scrutiny and performance review of services and to attend such meetings of Overview and Scrutiny committee as may be required.
- To manage and chair meetings of the Cabinet and to provide the political lead in proposing the policy framework, budget and direction of the Council.
- To ensure that the work of the Cabinet and portfolio holders are co-ordinated and are in accordance with the Council's strategies and plans and that it meets the needs and aspirations of the community of Hart.
- To ensure that working relationships between the Cabinet and Members, officers and the local community are effective and professional.
- To carry out any other matter, as required by the Council.

The Leader of the Council will have the following key roles:

- To provide overall political leadership for the Council in relation to the co-ordination and delivery of Council policies, strategies and services.
- To lead the Cabinet in its work to develop the policy framework and budget and to deliver services to the local community.
- To lead the process of developing partnerships both inside and outside the District, with stakeholders, those who live in and/or work in Hart, and other interested organisations.
- To contribute actively to the preparation, monitoring and review of the Council's policies, budget, strategy and service delivery.