

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member responsibilities (from May 2018)

Leader of the Council (and Customers and Communities functions): David Fothergill	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Community Infrastructure : David Hall Junior Cabinet Member: Mike Pullin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsibility for the Council and its organisational design • Developing and Setting the Strategy and Vision for the whole organisation • Providing overall leadership and direction working closely with the rest of Cabinet and the Senior Leadership Team • Working closely with Cabinet in decision making to develop effective council policies and the delivery of high quality cost effective services to local people • Regional, National and international affairs • Developing and maintaining strategic relationships and relationships with key partners • Lead member for customers and communities • Lead member for communications and management of the Council's reputation • Customer services and access channels • Customer insight, research and evidence • Consultation and engagement • Lead member for equalities • Lead member for localism and engagement with districts, parishes, town councils and communities • Lead member for encouraging participation, volunteering and community self-help • To appoint and hold Cabinet Members and Junior Cabinet Members to account for their areas of responsibility including financial and operational performance and meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Member for Economic Development & Tourism • Lead Member for Sustainability and Low Carbon agenda (including Hinkley Programme) • Improving infrastructure- road, rail, technology • Encouraging inward investment and support for existing businesses • Improving young people's prospects and skills • Capturing the benefits of new nuclear and other energy investments • Libraries, culture and heritage • Traded Services – such as registration services and scientific services • Reduce waste and help residents recycle more • Reduce Council's carbon footprint • External business development and innovation • Strategic planning, Planning Policy & Planning Control Countryside Management • Minerals and Waste Policy • Flood, water and coastal management • Civil contingencies and the Council's response to emergencies • Trading Standards • Leisure commissioning • Improving young people's prospects and skills (<i>shared with Cabinet Member for Children & Families</i>) • To be accountable for policy development and the financial and operational performance of services within their area of responsibility, including meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan

<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care: David Huxtable Junior Cabinet Member: Josh Williams</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children and Families: Frances Nicholson</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All responsibilities of statutory Lead Member for Adult Social Care role • Lead Member for Adult Social Services • Developing integrated services with health and the voluntary sector • Services for People with Learning Disabilities • Close working with CQC • Safeguarding adults • Delivery of Personalisation Agenda • Personal Budgets • Reablement and regaining independence • Improving the health of adults, older people and people with learning/physical disabilities • To be accountable for policy development and the financial and operational performance of services within their area of responsibility, including meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All responsibilities of the statutory Lead Member for Children role • Lead Member for Children’s Services, • Delivery of Personalisation Agenda and Personal Budgets • Protect and care for the most vulnerable • Support and recruit more adopters and fosterers of children • Improve prospects of disadvantaged children and young people and their families, and those at risk of being disadvantaged • Specialist services for children with disabilities • Special Educational Needs • Safeguarding children • Youth offending and targeted youth work • Early years and children’s centres • Political leadership to improving the lives of looked after children and addressing child poverty • To be accountable for policy development and the financial and operational performance of services within their area of responsibility, including meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan

<p>Cabinet Member for Education and Council transformation: Faye Purbrick</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport: John Woodman</p>
<p>Lead Member for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting educational achievement and improved outcomes for children & young people • Investing in and improving schools • Improving young people’s prospects and skills (<i>shared with Cabinet Member for Business, Inward Investment and Policy</i>) • School admissions and school places • New Academies and Academy conversions • Improve prospects of disadvantaged children and young people and their families, and those at risk of being disadvantaged • Support Services for Education • Authority to appoint school governors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Member for Public Transport & Highways • Traffic Management • Transporting Somerset • Highway maintenance • Rights of Way • Area Highways services • Parking Services and Civil Parking Enforcement • Road Safety Policy (including Road Safety Partnership) • Transport Policy • Highway Assets and Improvements • Highways & Transport contract management • Traffic & Transport Development • Highways Lighting • Highways Development Control

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Member for coordinating transformation and Local Government reorganisation • Business Strategy (including information governance) • Technology and Strategic Business Architecture • Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Policy and Strategy • Information Governance • Internal business development and innovation • To be accountable for policy development and the financial and operational performance of services within their area of responsibility, including meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Design & Programmes • To be accountable for policy development and the financial and operational performance of services within their area of responsibility, including meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan
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<p>Cabinet Member for Public Health & Well-Being: Christine Lawrence</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources: Mandy Chilcott</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Member for Public Health and Health & Well-Being • Lead Member for tackling health and social inequalities • Maintaining links with health community and partnerships • Developing a Somerset vision for public health • Leading on public health programmes including obesity, smoking cessation, drug and alcohol services and sexual health • Community Safety • Oversight and assurance of all health protection arrangements at a local level • Health & Well-Being intelligence at local level • Improving the health of children & young people • To be accountable for policy development and the financial and operational performance of services within their area of responsibility, including meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Member for development and oversight of Medium Term Financial Plan and Annual Budget • Financial Management overview (Capital and Revenue) • Asset and property use and rationalisation • Legal Services and Corporate Governance • Internal Audit • Treasury Management • Risk management • Lead Member for procurement functions • Human Resources and Organisational Development • Workforce Development • Ensure effective implementation of a culture and establishment of processes to support good staff performance • Member development, civic and member support services • Health and Safety • Business Support • To be accountable for policy development and the financial and operational performance of services within their area of responsibility, including meeting the requirements of the Vision and the Medium Term Financial Plan

Junior Cabinet Member appointments:

Cllr Mike Pullin - Junior Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning & ECI
Cllr Giuseppe Fraschini - Junior Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Purpose and Key Responsibilities

Junior Cabinet Members are appointed by the Leader of the Council. Their titles and functions are also agreed by the Leader. Their primary role is to provide advice, policy development and support to their Cabinet Member.

Junior Cabinet Members will be allocated specific service areas to lead and advise the Cabinet and relevant Cabinet Member on by the relevant Cabinet member. They are not able to take decisions. They will:

1. Support their relevant Cabinet Member to provide clear political leadership both within and outside of the County Council in order to help advance and deliver the Council's priorities and key outcomes
2. Focus on information gathering and understanding key policy / service delivery in their areas of responsibility
3. Assist with the development of options and policies for consideration by the Cabinet and relevant Cabinet Member taking into account national policies and local circumstances
4. Brief and make recommendations to Cabinet and their relevant Cabinet Members and others on relevant issues in relation to policy and strategy development, service improvement or changes and decision making.
5. Represent or deputise for their relevant Cabinet Member at meetings or events as necessary.
5. Promote and support good governance of the Council and its business.
6. Keep other Members of Council informed about their activities,
7. Maintain effective working relationships with Senior Leadership Team officers and other Officers.
8. Create and maintain effective relationships with partners and organisations to deliver the Council's priorities
9. Be accountable to their relevant Cabinet Member, and ultimately the Leader of the Council, for the development and delivery of policies and strategies to meet the outcomes required by the Council and the Cabinet
10. Be accountable to their relevant Cabinet Member for supporting the commissioning and delivery of services to meet the outcomes required by the Council and the Cabinet. This includes supporting the delivery of County Plan priorities and Medium Term Financial Plan savings
11. Play a key role in supporting transformational programmes within their areas of responsibility
12. Play a key role in the delivery of specific projects within their areas of responsibility

Opposition Spokespersons

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

Leader: Jane Lock

Deputy Leader: Liz Leyshon

Cabinet Member

David Fothergill

Mandy Chilcott

David Hall

Christine Lawrence

John Woodman

David Huxtable

Frances Nicholson

Faye Purbrick

Opposition Group Spokesperson

Jane Lock (Leader) & Liz Leyshon
(Customers and Communities)

Liz Leyshon

Simon Coles

Amanda Broom

Mike Rigby

Bill Revans

Jane Lock

Jane Lock (Education) and Tessa
Munt (Transformation)

Chair of Scrutiny - Policies and Place: Cllr Anna Groskop

Chair of Scrutiny – Policies for Adults and Health : Cllr Hazel Prior-Sankey

Chair of Scrutiny – Policies for Children and Families : Cllr Leigh Redman