

LEADER OF COUNCIL

NOTIFICATION/APPOINTMENT

The Council Leader is chosen by the Group that has the majority number of seats on the Council, and is notified to full Council every year at its Annual Meeting. The Council Leader is the leader of a Council Group. The manner of the appointment of a Group Leader is up to each group. If there is no majority Group then the Council can elect from any of its Group Leaders. (ref: East Cambridgeshire District Council Constitution Part 2 (Page 5).

THE KEY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEADER OF COUNCIL

The postholder leads the Council in the achievement of its strategic priorities for the benefit of all residents, specifically:-

- deliver a financially sound and well managed Council;
- fantastic place to live, work and play
- genuinely affordable housing;
- new jobs and funding;
- improving infrastructure and local transport

THE ROLE OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

- (i) High public profile - the 'public face' of the Council by representing it locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. This complements the Council Chairman acting within his/her civic role.
- (ii) High political profile - taking the lead in the direction of development of new policy and programmes.
- (iii) Responsibility for the presentation and delivery of key corporate policies and programme, specifically:-
 - the Council's Corporate Plan (including overall vision of the Council)
 - the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy;
 - the Local Plan;
 - other key strategic Council's strategies and plans.
- (iv) Levering investment and funding into the District to deliver the Council's strategic priorities through effective representation, advocacy and negotiation.
- (v) Representing the Council on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as Board member and other CPCA roles (if and when appointed by the Mayor).

- (vi) Acting as Director of the Council's commercial trading companies to deliver the Council's strategic objectives.
- (vii) There is a formal consultative role whereby the Chief Executive, Directors and Service Managers are required to consult on matters of emergency and urgency, government consultation responses and other matters directed by the Constitution.
- (viii) Establishing positive and professional relationships with the Council's Corporate Management Team specifically including the performance assessment of the Chief Executive, chairing Leaders Briefings and leading the recruitment and assessment of the Chief Executive and other senior directors (as specified in legislation).

DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL

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The Deputy Leader is chosen by the Group that has the majority number of seats on the Council, and notified to full Council every year at its Annual Meeting. The Deputy Leader is the deputy leader of a Council Group. The manner of the appointment of a Deputy Leader is up to each group. If there is no majority Group then the Council can elect from any of its Group Leaders. (ref: East Cambridgeshire District Council Constitution Part 2 (Page 5).

THE KEY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL

The post holder deputises for the Leader of the Council (assuming the role of Leader) to lead the Council in the achievement of its strategic priorities for the benefit of all residents, specifically:-

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THE ROLE OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

In addition to deputising for the Leader of Council in meeting his role as specified earlier in Appendix 3, there are a number of distinct roles for the Deputy Leader, specifically:-

- (i) Given the time commitment and strategic importance of the Leader's role on the CPCA, the Deputy Leader's focus is on ensuring the Council meets its strategic priorities specifically in relation to delivering a financially sound and well managed Council and delivering effective statutory and non statutory operational services to our community.
- (ii) Ensure effective partnership between elected members and the management and staff of the organisation and its trading companies.
- (iii) Ensure effective representation of the interests of all elected members and their input into the governance of the Council