



Cabinet Portfolios 2014/2015

Leader of the Council – Councillor Peter John

To provide leadership of the council, by setting the strategic direction and key priorities and representing the council in the community and in negotiations with regional and national organisations. The leader will appoint the deputy leader and other members of the cabinet and has the discretion to change cabinet member portfolios during the year. In the absence of a cabinet member the leader will have responsibility for all relevant matters within the remit of the cabinet.

The leader will have particular responsibility for:

- performance management of the cabinet;
- communications;
- jobs and growth, with the cabinet member for communities, employment and business;
- the Bakerloo Line extension with the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport;
- 30 year housing strategy including delivery of 11,000 new council houses;
- strategic partnerships and relationships with government and the Mayor of London;
- legal services;
- electoral registration;
- the workforce strategy, together with the cabinet member for finance, strategy and performance.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities, Employment and Business – Councillor Ian Wingfield

To improve the council's engagement with all Southwark's communities, including those hardest to reach. To support the voluntary and community sector including a new commission to enhance the role of this sector in the life of the borough. To promote the civic life of the borough.

To promote business growth and employment including helping Southwark residents into 5,000 jobs and 2,000 apprenticeships. Develop and deliver a new Southwark Business Forum and working with the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport to ensure that Southwark's employers and job-seekers get a good deal out of development.

The cabinet member will lead the council's work on improving our high streets, business space, markets and new shops.

The portfolio holder will have particular responsibility for:

- relationships with the voluntary and community sector;
- relationships with Tenants and Residents Associations;
- community councils and community engagement;
- relationships with faith communities;
- economic development and employment;
- business improvement districts;
- the council's relationship with Jobcentre Plus;
- employment and enterprise support;
- market development and better business space;
- fairtrade;
- promoting fair pay and the London Living Wage;
- business engagement;
- relationship with the Credit Union;
- markets and business space;
- Southwark Business Forum
- community restoration fund;
- adult learning, further education and training;
- Southwark diversity standard;
- 18 year old employment, education and training guarantee.

Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling, Community Safety & Volunteering – Councillor Darren Merrill and Cllr Michael Situ (job share role)

To continue working towards a cleaner and greener borough, including having responsibility for waste management, increasing recycling and reducing waste to landfill. To continue reducing the borough's carbon emissions and increase the use of green energy including with SELCHP.

To deliver a safer Southwark through oversight of council initiatives and services concerned with community safety, tackling anti-social behaviour, enforcement policy, emergency planning and business continuity. The portfolio holder will work with the police to deliver a domestic violence strategy and a women's safety charter. The cabinet member will work closely with the cabinet member for children and schools (to work to reduce the number of young people who are victims of crime or commit offences).

To champion volunteering in the borough and working with the cabinet member for communities, employment and business, enable active volunteering.

Cllr Merrill will have particular accountability for:

- street cleaning including litter and dog fouling;
- recycling and landfill;
- refuse collection;
- carbon reduction and climate change;
- green energy;
- air quality with the cabinet member for public health, parks & leisure;
- the Cleaner, Greener & Safer programme;
- cemeteries and crematorium services;
- marinas and internal waterways;
- flooding and flood defences.

Cllr Situ will have particular accountability for:

- crime & drugs strategy and alcohol control zones;
- licensing policy;
- lobbying to increase Southwark's police;
- environmental health;
- trading standards;
- Southwark anti-social behaviour unit;
- domestic violence strategy;
- women's safety charter;
- the community warden service;
- noise nuisance;
- CCTV and other safety measures in public places;
- volunteering;
- developing networks of community volunteer champions;
- working to ensure Southwark has a strong voluntary and community sector.

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport – Councillor Mark Williams

To deliver regeneration which benefits our communities. To facilitate the sustainable regeneration of Southwark's communities in partnership with local residents and businesses.

To be responsible for street scene and highway infrastructure, traffic management and parking enforcement, improved facilities for walking and cycling, lobbying for improved public transport services including the extension of the Bakerloo Line, the extension of cycle hire and improved bus services.

The portfolio holder will have particular accountability for:

- roads and road safety;
- parking;
- the council's relationship with Transport for London;
- extension of the Bakerloo Line, with the Leader;
- street scene;
- cycling and walking;
- regeneration in the borough [all aspects of development control and planning in Rotherhithe (Canada Water), Bermondsey, Borough & Bankside and Walworth (Elephant & Castle and Aylesbury Estate), Camberwell, Peckham, Nunhead and Dulwich];
- community infrastructure levy and allocation of section 106 funds;
- development of the local development framework;
- planning policy and continuing improvements in planning performance;
- high street planning and with the cabinet member for public health parks and leisure making high streets healthier.

Cabinet Member for Housing – Councillor Richard Livingstone

To be responsible for the housing portfolio, including housing management, community housing services, homelessness and sheltered housing, housing allocations, the housing investment programme and leasehold management. To work closely with the cabinet member for adult care, arts and culture (with regard to the housing needs of vulnerable adults) and to work closely with the leader and with regard to delivering the long-term housing stock strategy and 11,000 new council houses.

The portfolio holder will have particular accountability for:

- Housing Asset strategy including making all council homes warm, dry and safe and delivering a quality kitchen and bathroom for every tenant;
- meeting tenant and leaseholder expectations of major works contracts;
- housing services;
- housing allocations;
- community housing including homelessness and sheltered housing
- housing repairs;
- engaging with council tenants and leaseholders;
- delivering a new leaseholder management company;
- rehousing arrangements as part of major regeneration projects;
- licensing and standards of private rented sector landlords;
- Quality of estate environment including communal repairs, cleaning and pest control;
- lettings policy, and with the cabinet member for environment, recycling, community safety and volunteering, policy on illegal subletting and estate security.

Cabinet Member for Public Health, Parks and Leisure – Councillor Barrie Hargrove

To promote and develop sport and leisure in the borough including sport development and delivery of free swimming and gym use for all residents. To increase the quality of and residents access to the borough's parks and green spaces.

To improve the health of the borough including the council's responsibilities for public health. The portfolio holder will work closely with the cabinet member for children and schools (with regard to children's health), with the cabinet member for adult care, arts and culture (with regard to health in older people)

The portfolio holder will have particular accountability for:

- developing the council's new public health role;
- swimming and gym use;
- the council's relationship with the NHS;
- local health services;
- parks and trees;
- bio-diversity;
- reducing teenage conception rates;
- performance of the council's leisure contractor;
- leisure investment;
- working with grassroots sport and leisure communities;
- delivering the sport and physical activities;
- healthier high streets with the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport;
- air quality with the cabinet member for environment, recycling, community safety & volunteering;
- to act as a champion for cycling.

Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Arts and Culture – Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle

To safeguard the needs of vulnerable adults, the provision of personal social services, services to older people, services to people with disabilities, services to those with HIV/AIDS and/or those with drug and alcohol problems, services to those with mental health needs and “supporting people”. The portfolio holder will work closely with and the cabinet member for housing (with regard to the housing needs of vulnerable adults).

To promote and develop arts and culture in the borough, including museums and heritage. To promote our libraries and encourage more people to use them.

To be responsible for ensuring the council promotes equality in all that it does including working with the cabinet member for communities, employment and business to deliver a new Southwark diversity standard.

The portfolio holder will have particular accountability for:

- adult social care, including personalisation;
- Making Southwark an Age Friendly borough;
- the council's contribution to the Freedom Pass and approach on the taxicard scheme;
- older people and pensioner poverty;
- ethical care and improving the quality of homecare;
- events;
- disability and supporting vulnerable people;
- libraries;
- working with organisations in the borough's thriving culture communities;
- increasing access to arts and culture including for vulnerable groups;
- equalities and equal opportunities.

Cabinet Member for Finance, Strategy and Performance – Councillor Fiona Colley

To ensure sound business planning and financial probity within the council, including the medium term resource strategy and all financial management of revenue and capital, the housing revenue account, the capital programme and the management of capital receipts. The portfolio holder will be responsible for oversight of the implementation of the council's budget and for identifying areas where the council can transform the way it works to secure savings and deliver value for money for the residents.

To be responsible for performance across the council, enabling the council to deliver on the cabinet's priorities and to cope with financial constraints, together with its partners.

The portfolio holder will have particular accountability for:

- council tax collection;
- corporate IT;
- customer services;
- corporate procurement, corporate debt strategy, income management and audit & risk management and anti-fraud;
- property and asset management strategy including acquisitions and disposal – with the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and transport in relation to major regeneration schemes;
- human resources and the workforce strategy;
- corporate strategy, including the council plan, performance management, shared services, service delivery modernisation;
- developing and delivering a more efficient, effective and sustainable council;
- integration of the council's budget and strategic planning process;
- response to the government's welfare reforms.

Cabinet Member for Children and Schools – Councillor Victoria Mills

To assume the statutory role of lead member for children's services in accordance with the guidance produced by the Department for Education (DfE), including responsibility for children's social care, early years and youth services, the inclusion agenda, and work to implement the children and young people's plan. The portfolio holder will hold political accountability and exercise leadership over all areas included in DfE guidance. They will work closely with the cabinet member for public health, parks and leisure (with regard to children's health and teenage pregnancy) and with the cabinet member for environment, recycling, community safety and volunteering (with regard to children's safety and youth offending).

The portfolio holder will have particular accountability for:

- youth offending;
- universal services for people aged 0-19;
- early intervention;
- child protection and specialist services for most vulnerable children, young people and their families;
- raising the quality of children's services;
- school place provision and admissions;
- expanding affordable childcare and nurseries;
- free healthy school meals and free fruit in schools;
- raising school standards and attainment;
- services for young people;
- the youth fund;
- capital investment in schools;
- safeguarding children;
- corporate parenting including fostering and adoption;
- Southwark Scholars and Southwark Arts Scholars;
- Southwark Childcare Commission with the Leader.