

2. OUTLINE AND REMIT OF CABINET MEMBERS

CABINET MEMBERS

Each Administration Cabinet Member will have a specific area of responsibility for Council business. This ensures that there is political accountability for the decisions taken by the Cabinet.

These Cabinet Members are politically accountable for service standards and service performance both in terms of direct service delivery and in terms of the contribution of individual services to the strategic priorities of the Community Plan, the Council's corporate plan. Cabinet Members are not responsible for service management.

The Cabinet Members also have a specific role as advocates for their service groups. In this capacity Cabinet Members will seek to ensure that relevant service needs and service views are taken into account in Cabinet decisions particularly where these relate to Community Plan priorities and strategies.

Cabinet Members will:-

- meet on a regular basis with senior management, with a view to discussing service issues including service performance;
- seek to resolve concerns regarding service delivery with service management;
- lead on service issues at Cabinet and Council meetings;
- lead on service reports at Governance and Scrutiny Committee; and
- attend Governance and Scrutiny Committees in respect of related called-in decisions to respond to questions and explain Cabinet proposals.

CABINET MEMBER REMITS

To ensure continued alignment to the priorities and themes of the Community Plan 2015 to 2030, the following Cabinet Portfolios are proposed:

For Strategic Planning, Management and Resources

Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet with responsibility for Strategic Planning at Partnership, Council and Service levels

A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Management and Resources

For Economy and Skills

A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economy and Infrastructure

A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Skills and Learning

For Safer Communities

Depute Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing and Communities

A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Older People and Community Safety

For Wellbeing

A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Wellbeing

A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Equalities, Inclusion and Poverty

[Following the decision of Statutory Council on 18 May 2017, note that Depute Provost Leitch would assume the role of Children's Champion, noting that this would not be a Cabinet position].

FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

The Cabinet Members for Strategic Planning, Management and Resources will assume an overview of the corporate functions of the Council. There is:

- The Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet with responsibility for Strategic Planning at Partnership, Council and Service levels.
- A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Management and Resources.

Strategic Planning:

- Strategic and political leadership of the Council in relation to the Community Plan, its three Delivery Plans and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan;
- Provision of strategic leadership, clear political direction and guidance in relation to policy formulation; implementation and monitoring of the Council's policies; budget strategies; and service delivery
- Liaise with other Cabinet Portfolio holders to ensure the development of effective Council policies and the budgetary framework for the Council and the delivery of high quality services; and
- Cross-cutting policy overview.

Management and Resources:

- Management of the Council's resources and assets, people, finance systems, information technology, property, including capital programme;
- Performance management; and
- Overseeing all corporate non-themed service functions.

Council Services:

This portfolio covers the following core council services:

- Governance Services (Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services), Policy, Planning and Performance Division (including Communications), Health and Safety, Finance and ICT, Human Resources.

FOR ECONOMY AND SKILLS

The Cabinet Members for Economy and Infrastructure and Skills and Learning will respectively assume an overview of core elements for the Economy and Skills Delivery Plan of the Community Plan. There is:

- A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economy and Infrastructure.
- A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Skills and Learning.

ECONOMY

In respect of Economy, the key strategic priorities and local outcomes for the Council and its Community Planning Partners comprise:

Strategic Priority:

- Make East Ayrshire a destination of choice for business growth and investment.

Local Outcome:

- Local Economic activity increased.

Priorities:

- Grow the business base in East Ayrshire.
- Accelerate the pace of infrastructure improvements and maximise the benefit of existing resources.
- Improve the vibrancy of our Town Centres.

Council Services:

This portfolio covers the following core council service:-

- Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services.

INFRASTRUCTURE

In respect of Infrastructure, the key strategic priorities and local outcome for the Council and its Community Planning Partners comprise:

Priorities:

- Accelerate the pace of infrastructure improvement and maximise the benefit of existing resources.
- Reduce road casualties in East Ayrshire.
- Promote connectivity between communities.

Local Outcomes:

- Road safety improved through enforcement and engineering.

Council Services:

This portfolio covers the following core council services:-

- Ayrshire Roads Alliance, Facilities and Property Management, Transport Service/Unit.

SKILLS AND LEARNING

In respect of Skills and Learning, the key strategic priorities and local outcome for the Council and its Community Planning Partners comprise:

Strategic Priorities:

- Develop a confident, successful, highly skilled and qualified workforce.
- Embed ambition, aspiration and entrepreneurship in our culture.

Local Outcome:

- Skills, qualifications and employability improved for all learners.

Priorities:

- Ensure East Ayrshire residents, particularly our young people, have the relevant skills and qualification and positive attitude needed for the world of work.
- Increase innovation and entrepreneurship.

Council Services:

This portfolio covers the following core council service:-

- Education.

FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

The Safer Communities portfolio sits across 3 key elements. There is:

- Depute Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing and Communities.
- A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Older People and Community Safety.
- A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Equalities, Inclusion and Poverty.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

In respect of Housing and Communities, the key strategic priorities and local outcome for the Council and its Community Planning Partners comprise:

Strategic Priorities:

- Promote vibrant communities by encouraging, active and responsible citizenship.

Local Outcome:

- East Ayrshire residents are safe and supported in their homes and communities.

Priorities:

- Support residents to live safely and independently in their homes and communities.
- Improve the vibrancy of our Town Centre.

Council Services:

This portfolio covers the following core council services:-

- Housing and Communities (including Vibrant Communities).

OLDER PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

OLDER PEOPLE

In respect of Older People, the key strategic priorities and local outcome for the Council and its Community Planning Partners comprise:

Strategic Priorities:

- Older people and adults who require support and their carers are included and empowered to live the healthiest life possible.

Local Outcomes:

- People, including those with disabilities or long term conditions, or who are frail, are able to live, as far as reasonable practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community.
- People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and wellbeing, including to reduce any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing.
- People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services and have their dignity respected.

In respect of Community Safety, the key strategic priorities and local outcome for the Council and its Community Planning Partners comprise:

Strategic priorities:

- Make East Ayrshire a safe, secure and attractive place to live, work and visit
- Improve community safety in neighbourhoods and homes and protect and support our most vulnerable individual and families
- Promote our vibrant communities by encouraging active responsible citizenship

Local Outcomes:

- Residents are safe and protected from crime in their communities
- Residents are safe and supported in their homes and communities
- Residents are safe and protected from anti-social behaviour
- Road safety improved through education, positively influencing driver behaviour and effective early intervention.

The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Older People and Community Safety will act as the Council's key political lead in respect of these areas of activity.

EQUALITIES

In respect of Equalities, the key strategic priorities and local outcome for the Council and its Community Planning Partners comprise:

Strategic Priorities:

- Promote our Vibrant Communities by encouraging active responsible citizenship.

Council Services:

This portfolio covers the following core council services:-

- Community Health and Care Services.

The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Equalities, Inclusion and Poverty, will assume an overview of the Equalities Agenda and the Council's compliance in this regard.

FOR WELLBEING

The Wellbeing portfolio sits across 1 key element. There is:

- A Cabinet Member with responsibility for Wellbeing.

WELLBEING

In respect of Wellbeing, the Strategic priorities and local outcomes for the council and its community planning partners comprise:

Strategic Priorities:

- Children and young people, including those in early years, and their carers are supported to be active, healthy and to reach their potential at all life stages.
- All residents are given the opportunity to improve their wellbeing, to lead an active, healthy life and to make positive lifestyle choices.
- People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer.
- Communities are supported to address the impact that inequalities has on the health and wellbeing of our residents.

This portfolio covers the following core council services:-

- Children's Health Care and Criminal Justice Service, Primary Care and Out of Hours Community Response Service.