

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: RESPONSIBILITIES AND PORTFOLIOS

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

Executive Councillors at LB Hammersmith and Fulham are appointed by the full Council to provide clear and visible leadership and political accountability for the services and activities covered by their portfolios.

- Leading the community planning process and the search for best value, with input and advice from Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other interested parties;
- Leading the preparation of the Council's policies and budget;
- Taking in-year decisions on resources and priorities to deliver and implement the budget and policies decided by full Council;
- Working closely with residents, amenity societies and resident and tenant associations, along with the local strategic partnership (Borough Partnership), to deliver the highest quality services at the lowest cost to the Council Tax payer.

Executive Councillors work to the same national code of conduct as all members of the Council. The manner in which they carry out these roles, in relation to the Council's directors and senior management, is governed by a code set out in Part 5 of this Constitution.

Functions

The generic functions which are common to the Leader, Deputy Leader and all Cabinet Members, who collectively make up the Executive, are defined as follows:

1. To be responsible for ensuring that the objectives set by the Council and by the Executive in respect of his/her portfolio are met, and that adequate systems are in place to monitor performance against those objectives.
2. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on key decisions relating to his/her portfolio ('key decisions' being defined by Article 13 of this Constitution).
3. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on proposals in relation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, on matters relating to his/her portfolio. (Such proposals may be initial or final, before or after consideration by relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework rules set out in this Constitution).
4. To arrange for appropriate consultation on proposed key decisions as published in the Council's Forward Plan, with relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees, and with partner bodies and parties outside the Council.

5. To take decisions on matters within their portfolio other than those defined as 'key decisions', ensuring that these are properly considered, reported, and recorded in accordance with paragraph 20 of the Access to Information procedure Rules set out in part 4 of this constitution.
6. To receive budgetary control reports for services and activities within his/her portfolio, and to take action necessary to control the budget of those services within the Council's approved Budget and Policy Framework.
7. Where an Executive Councillor is absent or has a prejudicial interest in a matter or is otherwise unable to action decisions in respect of matters within his/her portfolio, such decisions may be taken by the Leader (or the Deputy Leader in the case of the Leader) or by the Cabinet.

Executive Councillors do **not** have powers to take decisions on:

- Functions defined by Local Government Act 2000 as the responsibility of the full Council (see [Article 4](#));
- Functions delegated to regulatory or quasi-judicial bodies (see Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions) or any other functions defined by regulations as non-executive functions;
- Functions delegated by the Council exclusively to officers (see Part 3 – General Scheme of Delegation).

Scope of Portfolio – Cabinet Member for Housing

The portfolio covers the following areas:

1. Housing Functions

- 1.1 All aspects of housing services, housing policy and the housing programme (including those delegated to H&F Homes – the arms-length management organisation appointed to manage the Council's housing) and any other new or unallocated housing and associated functions.
- 1.2 The overall housing strategy, policy and forward programme through its business plan, Housing Investment Programme Strategy and other policy documents.
- 1.3 Exercising the Authority's powers and duties as a local housing authority, including new or unallocated housing and associated functions.
- 1.4 The Authority's powers and duties in relation to declaring renewal areas and clearance areas.
- 1.5 The level of rents and charges for property and services within the Housing Revenue Account and for any other property and services within the General Fund.

- 1.6 The disposal of individual void properties within the agreed criteria.
 - 1.7 Housing land and property assets and, where appropriate, declaration of them as surplus to requirements.
 - 1.8 Determining annual allocations in respect of the Housing Investment Programme including:
 - Conversion and modernisation of Council housing;
 - Registered Social Landlords (Assisted Development Programme);
 - Assistance for new build and rehabilitation schemes;
 - Home loans and improvement grants;
 - Housing stock, including acquisition and improvement;
 - Clearance areas and compulsory purchase of property;
 - Housing development programme; and
 - Renewal areas and area improvement.
 - 1.9 The Council's powers and duties in relation to energy conservation, in public sector housing.
 - 1.10 The compulsory purchase of land using housing powers.
 - 1.11 The development, monitoring and implementation of the Authority's responses to Government initiatives and programmes in respect of housing.
 - 1.12 Appointing or nominating, and where appropriate, removing the Authority's representatives on appropriate organisations that fall within this portfolio.
- 2. Area in which power is shared with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services**
- 2.1 Social regeneration.

Note: for the purposes of estimate preparation, monitoring and control and staffing/industrial relations issues, this Cabinet Member is responsible for the following:

In conjunction with the Leader

Director of Children's Services
Director of Community Services

In conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Community and Children's Services

Director of Community Services

In conjunction with all Cabinet Members

Chief Executive

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