

Minority Opposition Group Leader Role Profile

[As it is expected that the Deputy Minority Opposition Group Leader should be able to deputise effectively for the Leader, this profile is applicable to the position of Deputy Opposition Leader]

Accountable to:

- Full Council
- The public

Role Purpose and Activities

In addition to the role purpose, duties and responsibilities of an Elected Member, the Minority Opposition Group Leader will be expected to:

- Be a political figurehead and the principal political spokesperson for their party;
- Provide leadership in building political consensus, where possible, around Council policies;
- Work with others in building a vision for the Council and the community;
- Provide strong, clear leadership in the coordination of Group policies and practices; and
- Scrutinise the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet.
- Ensure effective communication between party group members, other political groups, officers, the community and other partners.
- Provide support and mentoring to members of their Group as appropriate;
- Be aware of individual skills within the Group and facilitate further development as required;
- Comment on, challenge and review the Council's performance and policies;
- Nominate members of the Group to committees, working groups and outside bodies;
- Liaise with the Strategic Directors, Directors and other officers of the Authority on a regular basis in relation to Council business as appropriate;
- Support open and transparent scrutiny, encouraging the Group to work constructively with the Council, the Executive and statutory partners; and
- Adhere to the Authority's Equality and Diversity policies.