

## **EXECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE**

### **Portfolio - Leader of the Council**

#### **GENERAL**

To act as Leader of the Council and be the Executive Portfolio holder responsible for all matters relating to the Council's affairs in respect of the Leader's portfolio. As such, the Leader is responsible for:

1. Liaising with other members of the Executive, particularly where matters within the portfolio affect other aspects of Council business or the Borough generally;
2. Providing the Executive's lead in the development and implementation of key policy within the remit of the portfolio
3. Agreeing, in conjunction with the relevant Corporate Director or Director, Directorate Plans for the services within the remit of the Portfolio holder;
4. Participating as necessary in the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and promoting the value of Scrutiny within their service area.
5. Ensuring that spending is in line with the approved budget for the Services within the portfolio.
6. Representing and acting as an ambassador for the Council.
7. Promoting a neighbourhood and area focus across the Council and the Borough
8. Representing the Council's views on matters of corporate or strategic policy and any other matters which are within the Portfolio holder's terms of office.
9. Working with other Members of the Executive as required.
10. Ensuring effective partnership working in respect of matters within these terms of office.
11. Overseeing the timely progress of reviews or inspections within the remit of the Portfolio holder.
12. Exercising a monitoring role regarding performance and budgets and ensuring progress toward meeting the Executive's key objectives in these areas.
13. Ensuring appropriate consultation with partners and the community on matters within the portfolio.

## **Areas of Responsibility**

To have overall responsibility for:

- Strategic overview of the Council
- Overall performance of the Council
- Overall performance of the Executive
- Overall governance of the Council
- Chief Executive's functions
- Co-ordination within the Executive
  - Developing and implementing the Council's Corporate Plan
- Determination of how and by whom Executive functions are exercised
- Appointments to outside bodies not within the remit of the Council
- All aspects of the Council's corporate communications including:
  - Publicity
  - Consultation and engagement
  - Resident engagement
- Digital and Website engagement
- All matters not within the remit of any other portfolio

## **Key Roles and Responsibilities within the Leader's Portfolio**

In accordance with section 15(4) of the local Government Act 2000, but subject to legislation, the Scheme of Delegation to officers and other provisions set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, the Leader is responsible for all matters within the Areas of Responsibility set out above to the extent that they comprise Executive functions, including in particular:-

1. To provide leadership in the development and maintenance of an active and participatory local democracy.
2. To chair meetings of the Executive and ensure that the Executive acts as a corporate team working together to achieve common aims.
3. In consultation with the Chief Executive, to draw up a 4 month programme of work by the Executive and to keep it under continuous review.
4. To ensure that the Council's decision-making process functions effectively and that decisions made by the Executive take into account all relevant factors and reflect the Council's commitment to open government and equality of opportunity.
5. To discharge or arrange the discharge of the Executive functions of the Council.
6. To ensure delivery of the Council's priorities in accordance with the Corporate Plan
7. Ensuring the delivery of performance improvements and efficiencies to support the delivery of the Council's priorities in accordance with the Council's Corporate Plan

8. To implement, working with the Chief Executive, strategy and policies approved by the Council and reflecting the views of the community based around the Corporate priorities set out in the Corporate Plan (delegating work to other Executive Members where necessary).
9. To review and monitor, with the Chief Executive, the management arrangements of the Council.
10. To exercise a monitoring role regarding performance and budgets, to ensure progress towards meeting the Council's key objectives.
11. To ensure that Executive Members and services work together effectively.
12. Representing the Council externally and furthering the Council's interests within Greater Manchester Combined Authority, AGMA, the North West region and nationally.
13. To ensure that the Council and its priorities are appropriately represented in the context of Greater Manchester Police and Crime Panel matters.
14. To be the principal political spokesperson for the Council at internal and external meetings and to be responsible for council communications
15. Ensuring the delivery of effective and efficient ICT services.
16. The development and implementation of the Council's Digital Strategy.
17. To ensure liaison with the Council's external auditors and inspectors.

**To submit to the Executive:**

Recommendations in respect of key decisions concerning matters covered by these terms of reference.