

The Leader

The Leader of the Council provides political leadership to the Cabinet and the Council and has responsibility for:

1. The promotion of positive partnerships and consultations with citizens, other statutory agencies, business and voluntary organisations in Croydon in the context of achieving the Vision for the Borough as expressed by the Council and its partners, and in this respect chairing the Local Strategic Partnership Board.
2. Oversight of the Council's delivery of Value for Money in its use of resources for the provision of services to citizens of the Borough and its business community. Its holistic approach through the effective integration of Departmental programmes and plans including the Community Strategy.
3. Oversight of the effective and efficient management and use of resources available to the Chief Executive for the provision of policy development and support to strategic projects and their performance in respect of continuous improvement through the "Ambitious for Croydon" manifesto Programme.
4. Oversight of the Council's emergency planning and resilience management policies and strategies.
5. The Council's Performance Framework, including the monitoring of targets.
6. Ensuring effective liaison and joint working between Cabinet members to enable the Council's objectives to be met.
7. Matters that are the responsibility of the Cabinet, including representing the Council with regard to its Member contacts with the Government and any Regional, National or International organisations.
8. The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of equalities and a sustainable environment in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership.

Key areas of the Portfolio include:

- Budget and Strategic Policy
- Determine the appointment of Cabinet Members, their portfolios and the scheme of delegations for executive functions
- Performance management of Cabinet Members
- Taking executive decisions not otherwise delegated to another decision makers.
- Providing strategic political leadership and vision for the Council as a whole and for the Croydon area.
- Performance management of the Chief Executive.

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- The application of national policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary.
- Promote major “flagship” projects of strategic significance to Croydon.
- Forward planning of the Council’s Revenue and Capital Budget.
- Plan the agendas for Cabinet and chair the meetings.
- Fairness Commission
- Facilitate effective working relationship with Trade Unions representing Council employees
- Delivery of “Ambitious for Croydon” Manifesto

In addition Councillor Tony Newman, the Leader of the Council was appointed to the following panels, working groups and outside bodies at Annual Council on 21st May 2015:

Local Government Association General Assembly
Local Strategic Partnership
London Councils Greater London Employment Forum
London Councils Leaders Committee
South London Partnership Joint Committee