

Cllr Kieron Williams

Leader of the Council

The Leader sets the overall vision, direction and top priorities of the council. He represents the council in the community and in negotiations with regional and national organisations. The leader appoints members of the cabinet and is able to change cabinet member portfolios during the year.

Cllr Williams has particular responsibility for:

- Setting the political and strategic direction for the council
- The Borough Plan
- The council's renewal plan, to ensure an effective recovery from the pandemic
- Local economic strategy
- External Affairs, campaigns and public affairs
- Emergency planning and business continuity
- Major projects oversight
- Strategic partnerships and relationships with government, NHS, City Hall, the Mayor of London and major anchor organisations within the borough
- Performance management of the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members

All executive functions not allocated to a portfolio will be the responsibility of, or delegated by, the Leader

Cllr Jasmine Ali

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Education

Cllr Ali will deputise for the Leader of the Council in his absence by representing the borough at external events, within the council and when necessary chairing Cabinet. She will safeguard children in Southwark and lead policies to support them, including children's social care and early years, the school inclusion agenda, and implementation of the children and young people's plan. She leads our work with academies and other education providers to improve standards in every school in the borough so that no child is left behind. Additionally, Cllr Ali leads the council's work on young people including young people's mental health, youth services and play.

Cllr Ali has particular responsibility for:

- Working with the Leader of the Council to support the political and strategic leadership of the council
- Play
- Early years' services, health visiting & children and family centres
- Child care
- Schools & nurseries
- Free healthy school and nursery meals and fruit
- School nursing
- Special education needs
- Reducing school exclusions
- Promoting the teaching of black history in schools
- Children's social care
- Corporate parenting and care leavers
- Fostering and adoption
- Child & adolescent mental health
- Young people and youth services, including the young advisors
- Youth offending services
- Further, adult and higher education, including the Council's Adult Education Service
- Scholarships
- Relationship with Southwark College

Cllr Evelyn Akoto

Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing

Cllr Akoto leads the council's public health work and our partnership with the NHS, including the public health response to COVID-19. She will work to reduce health inequality in the borough including tackling HIV, drug and alcohol services and mental health issues. In addition, Cllr Akoto will safeguard the needs of vulnerable adults, the provision of personal social services, services to older people and services to people with disabilities.

Cllr Akoto has particular responsibility for:

- Reducing health inequalities, including those faced by Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the integration of health and social care services (working with the Cabinet Members for Children, Young People & Education)
- COVID-19
- Health intelligence, protection & improvement
- Local health services, including GP practices
- Food security
- Childhood obesity (working with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Education)
- Drug and alcohol services
- Sexual health, contraception & HIV
- Community Harm and Exploitation Hub (working with the Cabinet Member for a Safer, Cleaner Borough)
- Violence Against Woman & Girls (VAWG - working with the Cabinet Member for a Safer, Cleaner Borough)
- Mental health strategy (working with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Education)
- Adult mental health
- Adult social care
- Adults with disabilities
- Older people
- Age friendly borough
- Commissioning supported, extra care & sheltered housing (working with the Cabinet Member for Council Housing)
- Nursing and care homes

Cllr Stephanie Cryan

Cabinet Member for Council Homes & Homelessness

Cllr Cryan will work to deliver the council's housing strategy, including thousands of new council homes, and establish a Southwark Construction Company to ensure that the council builds more homes, delivering jobs to local people. She is responsible for council housing in Southwark, including housing management, housing allocations, the housing investment programme and leasehold management. Cllr Cryan leads on the council's work on homelessness, temporary accommodation and supported housing, working to end rough sleeping in Southwark.

Cllr Cryan has particular responsibility for:

- Southwark's Housing Strategy (working with the Cabinet Members for Climate Emergency & Planning and for a Safer, Cleaner Borough)
- Management of the council's homes
- Delivery of new council homes
- The council's estate renewal programmes, including the Aylesbury, Ledbury, Tustin and Abbeyfield
- Tenants and homeowners services
- Relationships with Tenants & Resident Associations (TRAs), Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs) and leaseholder groups, including local housing, tenants and residents forums
- Maintenance of tenants & residents halls and related facilities on our estates
- Housing allocations, lettings and under occupation
- The council's housing repairs and major works services and housing asset management strategy & investment programme
- Delivering new older people's, sheltered and extra care homes (working with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing)
- Homes for Gypsy, Roma and traveller communities
- Homelessness services
- Rough sleeping
- Temporary Accommodation (TA)
- Fire Safety, cladding and remediation
- Relationship with housing associations & registered providers

Cllr Helen Dennis

Cabinet Member for the Climate Emergency & Sustainable Development

Cllr Dennis leads the council's work on tackling the Climate Emergency, continuing to improve the borough's environment and our contribution to a greener city and a greener planet. She works with Cabinet Members across portfolios to champion sustainability, green energy and continue reducing the borough's carbon emissions. Cllr Dennis will facilitate suitable, sustainable, development in partnership with local residents and businesses, which delivers new homes, jobs and infrastructure that benefits local communities. She will ensure that planning and development also improves access to quality local services for Southwark residents.

Cllr Dennis has particular responsibility for:

- Reducing carbon emissions and promoting climate justice
- Ensuring development in Southwark:
 - Delivers for the whole community, including children and young people and older people and black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
 - Is low carbon
 - Increases the supply of new genuinely affordable homes
 - Creates economic growth that works for all Southwark residents, including good quality jobs, apprenticeships and affordable workspace
 - Improves biodiversity and enhances the public realm
 - Meets the social infrastructure needs of the population, including the needs for education, health and community facilities
- Planning policy and performance
- Building control
- Area Action Plans, including Old Kent Road and Canada Water
- Major infrastructure projects, including the Bakerloo Line Extension
- Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 payments
- Council owned commercial properties and commercial assets
- Green energy
- The future of the riverfront, flooding, flood defences, internal waterways, moorings, marinas & associated infrastructure
- Relationships with Transport for London & The Port of London Authority

Cllr Rebecca Lury

Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Democracy

Cllr Lury will ensure sound business planning and financial management within the council and keep council tax as low as possible by delivering value for money across all our high quality services. She is responsible for oversight of the development and implementation of the council's budget and be responsible for performance management across the council. Cllr Lury also leads the organisation's work keeping our key customer facing services at the highest standard, providing excellent service, and ensuring Southwark Council continues to be a great place to work and succeed.

Cllr Lury has particular responsibility for:

- The Council's resource strategy
- Financial and performance management across the council
- The General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
- Procurement and social value
- Council tax and business rate collection
- Central government grants
- Income management and debt strategy
- Capital investment, receipts, acquisitions and disposals
- Pension Funds
- Audit and risk management & anti-fraud
- Legal & Constitutional services
- Customer services, complaints and members' enquires
- Financial inclusion and the Southwark Emergency Support Scheme (SESS)
- Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS)
- No recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- Electoral services and electoral registration
- Registrar's service
- Coroners service
- Human resources and workforce training and skills
- Increasing equality and diversity in the council's workforce
- Relationship with trade unions
- Facilities & the Operational Estate
- Corporate IT & IT shared services and the council's website
- Digital inclusion
- Digital infrastructure & improving broadband

Cllr Alice Macdonald

Cabinet Member for Equalities, Neighbourhoods and Leisure

Cllr Macdonald will champion equality and diversity across the borough and stand beside Southwark's varied and diverse communities. She leads on the council's work to tackle inequality and will ensure that fairness and justice are the cornerstone of all the decisions we make. Working with partners and communities across Southwark, she leads on our work on neighbourhoods, including creating new neighbourhood charters. Cllr Macdonald is responsible for supporting our leisure services and cultural institutions across Southwark, ensuring the borough continues to be a vibrant and exciting place to live and work.

Cllr Macdonald has particular responsibility for:

- Community engagement, participation & development
- Developing the council's approach to creating successful neighbourhoods
- Equalities
- Leisure services
- Libraries
- Culture, heritage & events
- Supporting cultural institutions
- Southwark Community Support Alliance
- Southwark Stands Together programme
- Increasing the voice and influence of black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- Women's rights
- LGBTQ+ rights
- Borough of Sanctuary, refugees and asylum seekers
- Supporting European residents after Brexit
- Volunteering
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- Faith communities
- Community grants and investment, including: Local Community Infrastructure Levy; Common Purpose Fund; Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund; Democracy Fund; Neighbourhoods Fund; and, Resident Participation Fund
- The future of community centres, tenants & residents halls across the borough
- Advice Services
- Civic issues

Cllr Darren Merrill

Cabinet Member for a Safer, Cleaner Borough

Cllr Merrill will deliver a safer Southwark, tackling anti-social behaviour and violent crime by working with the police, community safety partners and with the Safeguarding Adults Board. Cllr Merrill will keep Southwark clean, leading on waste management, increasing recycling and reducing waste to landfill. He will also drive forward the council's crucial work support tenants in the private rented sector, tackling empty homes and supporting the renters union.

Cllr Merrill has particular responsibility for:

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Licensing, Trading Standards, Environmental Health and gambling
- Private rented housing, including licencing & the renters union
- Empty homes & absentee landlords
- Short term-lets
- Street cleaning, fly-tipping and graffiti
- Estate cleaning & grounds maintenance (working with the Cabinet Member for Council Housing)
- Waste collection, recycling and ending single-use plastics
- Pest control
- Noise nuisance
- Community wardens
- CCTV and other safety measures in public places
- Public spaces protection orders (PSPOs)
- Relationship with the police
- Strengthening community relations with the police & promoting equitable policing
- Preventing radicalisation and extremism

Cllr Jason Ochere

Cabinet Member for Jobs, Business & Town Centres

Cllr Ochere leads the council's crucial efforts to support our local economy, ensuring good job opportunities and decent prospects for young people as they enter the working world. He will also stand with local businesses and communities as we all work to support our town centres and high streets, helping them thrive and grow in especially difficult times.

Cllr Ochere has particular responsibility for:

- Town centres
- Growing Southwark's life sciences, green and cultural industries
- Support for local businesses cooperatives & mutual, including the Council's Pioneer Fund
- Increasing employment
- Apprenticeships, internships and work experience
- Pre-employment programmes
- 18 year old and care leavers' employment, education and training (working with the Cabinet member for Children, Young People and Education)
- Supporting businesses to engage with schools and colleges (working with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Education)
- Making Southwark a Living Wage Place
- Promoting good employment practices and fair pay
- Promoting equality and diversity in the workplace and cultural and arts sectors
- Affordable workspaces
- Markets
- Council's response to welfare reform
- Relationship with Jobcentre Plus

Cllr Catherine Rose

Cabinet Member for Transport, Parks & Sport

Cllr Rose will increase the quality of the borough's parks and green spaces and promote sport in the borough. She will ensure that the borough's streets are safe, and increase the number of people who use them on foot or by bike, making cycling genuinely accessible to all. Cllr Rose is responsible for transport policy, streets and highway infrastructure, traffic management and parking enforcement. She will promote sustainability and improve air quality, particularly around schools.

Cllr Rose has particular responsibility for:

- Parks and green spaces
- Biodiversity & trees
- Allotments and the council's allotment expansion guarantee
- Outdoor sports and gym facilities
- Working with local sports clubs and groups
- Transport policy & travel strategy, including the Council's Movement Plan
- Increasing the proportion of Southwark's streets & estates dedicated to zero carbon, zero pollution uses
- Promoting equality and diversity in the public realm
- Active travel, walking and cycling
- Public transport
- Street scene and road safety
- Air quality
- Accessible travel
- School streets
- Cycle parking and storage
- Electric vehicles infrastructure
- Highways
- Parking
- Cemeteries and crematorium services

Cllr Radha Burgess

Deputy Cabinet Member for Clean Air & Active Travel

Cllr Burgess will support the Cabinet in relation to key responsibilities around:

- Developing the council's long-term plans to improve air quality, increase active travel and reduce the use of polluting vehicles across all of Southwark's roads
- Developing plans to extend Southwark's network of car free and low traffic walking, cycling and mobility aid routes
- Developing measure that encourage people to walk, cycle, scoot and travel by wheelchair or mobility aid to their local town centre
- Supporting the roll out of School Streets
- Supporting the roll out of cycle storage on streets and estates and at train stations

Cllr Leanne Werner

Deputy Cabinet Member for Domestic Abuse

Cllr Werner will support the Cabinet in relation to key responsibilities around:

- Maintaining and implementing the council's zero-tolerance approach to domestic abuse
- Developing a network of Safe Spaces for people experiencing domestic abuse.
- Taking forward the council's Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance accreditation
- Supporting ongoing partnership with Solace Women's Aid to deliver Solace Advocacy and Support Services (SASS)
- Supporting delivery of the Council's Strategy to end violence against women and girls (VAWG), including the Women's Safety Charter