

Councillor Rodwell, Leader of the Council

As Leader of the Council, Councillor Rodwell has overall responsibility for setting the strategic direction of the Council and for the political management of the authority, including the delivery of agreed Council priorities and policies.

Councillor Ashraf, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership and Engagement

Councillor Ashraf is Deputy Leader with responsibility for building on the significant community engagement undertaken over the last four years, which resulted in LBBD's Borough Manifesto and Good Neighbour Guide. This includes improving community cohesion and, as part of this, overseeing the development of a dedicated Faith Policy for our growing and diverse borough.

Councillor Ashraf is also responsible for community infrastructure, recreation and leisure, libraries and arts and culture. This includes putting the borough's parks on a secure financial footing alongside a five-year improvement plan for them which includes ambitious plans to secure new facilities and the long-term future of Parsloes Park and Central Park.

Councillor Ashraf will also deliver a Centenary Celebration of the Becontree Estate, continuing a successful the successful Summer of Festivals programme, implementing Creative Enterprise Zones, providing a permanent home to the East End Women's Museum, establishing the feasibility of an industrial heritage museum, and maximising heritage assets like Eastbury Manor and the Abbey Ruins.

Councillor Twomey, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Finance, Performance & Core Services

Councillor Twomey is Deputy Leader with strategic responsibility for the Council's budget.

As part of this, Councillor Twomey is responsible for the development of the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the Investment and Acquisition Strategy. The overriding aim is to ensure that the Council achieves a balanced budget and lives within its means.

Councillor Twomey will also deliver the changes required to our core services to support the new kind of council built as a result of our transformation programme and the end of the Elevate relationship.

Councillor Twomey is also responsible for Corporate Performance across all portfolios and ensuring that the Council provides the best possible customer service.

Councillor Bright, Portfolio Holder for Employment, Skills & Aspiration

Councillor Bright has responsibility for strategies and actions to improve employment and skills outcomes for local people, as part of a wider remit to promote aspiration and build resilience across the borough.

As part of this, Councillor Bright leads on the employment and skills support provided within Community Solutions (including Barking & Dagenham Adult College). More widely, Councillor Bright works with local employers and key partners, like Barking and Dagenham College, Coventry University and the University of East London, to expand local job and training opportunities across the borough and the steps to connect local people to them. This includes working with Be First, the Council's wholly-owned regeneration company, to maximise the local job and training opportunities from regeneration activity in the borough.

Councillor Bright also has responsibility for the Council's efforts to prevent homelessness and provide housing support for vulnerable residents through services provided by the Council's Community Solutions.

Councillor Carpenter, Portfolio Holder for Educational Attainment & School Improvement

Councillor Carpenter is committed to driving up standards in nurseries, primary and secondary schools, and in further education. Over 90% of schools are rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, and SATs & GCSE results are on the rise in Barking & Dagenham.

Councillor Carpenter is also committed to ensuring education is accessible to all students. In 2018, more youngsters in Barking and Dagenham secured their first-choice primary schools place than anywhere else in London.

Over the last three years over £100 million has been spent on schools to ensure that youngsters get the best start in life. Councillor Carpenter is responsible for making sure schools cater for the needs of all pupils. This includes fighting for fairer funding for all pupils. She is also working hard to drive up participation after youngsters leave secondary school and wants to see more pupils go to Sixth Form and onto top universities.

Councillor Geddes, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration & Social Housing

Councillor Geddes has responsibility for making sure the Council delivers on its plans for inclusive growth in the borough, including the development of thousands of new genuinely affordable homes for local people.

Councillor Geddes provides strategic direction and oversight for Be First, the Council's wholly-owned regeneration company. He also leads on policy and

operational issues relating to housing management, including Council housing and homes let and managed through Reside, our wholly-owned municipal housing company.

Councillor Geddes also has responsibility for the Council's wider asset management strategy. He leads on overall place-shaping and the Local Plan as well as planning, transport and infrastructure policy issues.

Councillor Geddes is also responsible for delivering the Council's ambition to be the Green Capital of the Capital, through a range of energy and sustainability activity, including B&D Energy, the Council's wholly-owned energy services company.

Councillor Syed Ghani, Portfolio Holder for Public Realm

Councillor Ghani has responsibility for refuse (including domestic, bulky and business waste), recycling and green waste, and cleansing in parks and cemeteries. This includes tackling graffiti and fly-tipping and ensuring the delivery of services such as arboriculture and pest control.

Across the borough, Councillor Ghani is leading the drive to improve levels of street cleansing and the reliability of bin collections by upgrading the Council's fleet of refuse vehicles.

Councillor Ghani is responsible for encouraging recycling and shaping a new waste management contract.

Councillor Mullane, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety & Enforcement

Councillor Mullane is responsible for enforcement activity including trading standards and anti-social behaviour, parking enforcement, environmental crime and noise nuisance.

Councillor Mullane also oversees the Council's flag-ship Private Landlord Licensing Scheme which is soon to be refreshed and the management of CCTV in the borough.

Councillor Mullane also leads on crime and safety issues for the Council, liaising with the police and with a special focus on tackling serious youth violence, robbery, burglaries and domestic violence.

Councillor Mullane also sits on the borough's Community Safety Partnership which, along with statutory partners, reviews the borough Community Safety Plan in four key areas: Children and Young People, Managing Offenders, Safer Borough Board and Violence Against Women and Girls.

Portfolio for Equalities & Diversity

(Note: The responsibilities under this portfolio are currently being overseen by the Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership and Engagement and the Portfolio Holder for Employment, Skills & Aspiration)

- Responsible for ensuring that equality and diversity is at the heart of everything the Council does.
- Committed to ensuring that Council services are open and accessible at the point of delivery - and that as an employer the Council reflects the community it serves.
- Responsible for engaging with different faiths, organisations and communities to achieve this, and to ensuring that Barking & Dagenham is a place in which people want to live, work and play.
- Working alongside the community and voluntary sector on a programme of events to promote equality and diversity. The programme includes flag-raising ceremonies, Pride, Black History Month, Women's Empowerment Month, and Women's Empowerment Awards.
- Responsible for promoting the borough's Gender Equality Charter to which over 150 businesses, organisations and individuals have signed up.

Councillor Worby, Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health Integration

Councillor Worby has responsibility for ensuring the Council fulfils its statutory responsibilities in the areas of adult social care services, children's services and public health.

Ensuring these services are provided to the highest standards while facing significant pressures from government funding cuts is a key priority, along with developing solutions which empower people and maintain independence.

Working with partners in the NHS, third sector and through schools, Councillor Worby has responsibility for strategies and actions to help end isolation and loneliness for older people, improve support for disabled people including pathways into learning and employment, a continued focus on improving adoption, and developing healthy lifestyles programmes and other early intervention in health.

Councillor Worby is also the lead member with responsibility for the Council's Prevent strategy and for reducing domestic violence, working in partnership with the Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement (on the Prevent strategy) and the Cabinet Member for Enforcement (on reducing domestic violence).