

## **CABINET RESPONSIBILITIES, May 2022**

### **Councillor Darren 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 Rodwell leads on attracting inward investment, including the borough's film studios and the three markets of London and external relations, including the Government, the Thames Estuary Growth Board, the Mayor of London, the Local Government Association, London Councils and Local London.

Councillor Rodwell is also responsible for promoting civic pride through events and initiatives including the Summer of Festivals and the borough's flag-raising ceremonies.

Councillor Rodwell is also responsible for the Armed Services Covenant.

### **Councillor Dominic Twomey, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Growth & Core Services**

Councillor Twomey is Deputy Leader of the Council with strategic responsibility for the Council's budget, customer services, organisational development and digital transformation.

Councillor Twomey is responsible for the development and implementation of the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and leads on the Investment and Acquisition Strategy. This includes setting a balanced budget, attracting inward investment and generating income through the borough's continuing growth. As part of this, Councillor Twomey leads the drive for the Council to be more commercial.

Councillor Twomey is also lead member for digital transformation, organisational development, staff wellbeing, and new ways of working as part of the post-Covid environment.

Councillor Twomey is also responsible for performance and data insight which tackle inequality and promote inclusion.

### **Councillor Saima Ashraf, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Leadership & Engagement**

Councillor Ashraf is Deputy Leader of the Council with responsibility for empowering the community. This includes leading the response to the cost-of-living crisis, building partnerships with the voluntary sector, engaging different faiths and communities, as well as tackling inequalities in gender and race. She also promotes participation through the work of the Borough Manifesto and the Citizens Alliance Network as well as initiatives such as the Good Neighbour Guide.

As part of empowering residents, Councillor Ashraf leads the Council's response to tackling homelessness and debt through the Community Solutions service. She is also responsible for the management of Council-owned housing and homes let and managed through Reside, the Council's wholly-owned municipal housing company.

Councillor Ashraf also leads on the provision of community infrastructure, recreation and leisure, libraries and arts and culture. This includes Creative Enterprise Zones and artists' workspace, providing a permanent home to the East End Women's Museum and maximising the borough's heritage, including Eastbury Manor House, Valence House and the Abbey Ruins.

### **Councillor Cameron Geddes, Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economic Development**

Councillor Geddes is the lead member for regeneration and economic development, ensuring the borough gains from the benefits of growth. At the heart of this is the Council's ambition to deliver thousands of genuinely affordable new homes for local people and provide public spaces that strengthen the connection between people and the places they share, or placemaking.

Councillor Geddes is responsible for the Local Plan, planning, transport and infrastructure policy issues. As part of this, he provides strategic direction for Be First, the Council's wholly-owned regeneration company.

Councillor Geddes also has responsibility for the Council's asset management and leads on the delivery of a range of energy and sustainability activity, including addressing fuel poverty by promoting energy efficient homes and providing strategic direction for B&D Energy, the Council's wholly-owned energy services company.

### **Councillor Sade Bright, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills & Aspiration**

Councillor Bright is responsible for raising aspiration to enable residents to achieve their full potential. Councillor Bright leads on employment and skills support provided by the Council's Community Solutions service (including Barking & Dagenham Adult College) to improve employment and skills outcomes and build resilience across the borough.

As part of this, Councillor Bright works with local employers and key partners to expand local job and training opportunities to maximise the benefits of the borough's growth, including from the film studios and the three markets.

Councillor Bright also promotes equality and inclusion through the borough's Gender Equality Charter alongside a programme of events including Pride, Black History Month, Women's Empowerment Month and the Women's Empowerment Awards.

Councillor Bright also works alongside the Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement to help deliver the Council's equalities and diversity strategy.

## **Councillor Kashif Haroon, Cabinet Member for Public Realm & Climate Change**

Councillor Haroon is responsible for the Council's drive for a cleaner borough and for leading a green agenda in response to the climate emergency.

Councillor Haroon has responsibility for refuse collections (including domestic, bulky and business waste), recycling and green waste, and cleansing in parks and cemeteries. This includes the delivery of services such as arboriculture and pest control. As part of this, he is also responsible for developing a new waste management strategy.

Councillor Haroon also leads the Council's green agenda, working with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development and the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety. This includes increasing public engagement and leading on behaviour change campaigns to promote recycling and reducing fly-tipping and graffiti as part of promoting civic pride.

## **Councillor Syed Ghani, Cabinet Member for Enforcement & Community Safety**

Councillor Ghani is responsible for community safety and enforcement including anti-social behaviour, environmental crime, noise nuisance, trading standards, and parking. As part of this, Councillor Ghani oversees the Council's flagship Private Landlord Licensing Scheme.

Councillor Ghani also leads on crime and safety issues for the Council, including CCTV in the borough, liaising with the Police and with a special focus on tackling serious youth violence, robbery, burglaries and domestic violence.

As part of this, Councillor Ghani chairs the borough's Community Safety Partnership which, along with statutory partners, reviews the borough Community Safety Plan in relation to Children and Young People, Managing Offenders, Safer Borough Board and Violence Against Women and Girls.

## **Councillor Maureen Worby, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration**

Councillor Worby is responsible for ensuring the Council fulfils its statutory responsibilities in adult social care services and public health.

As part of this, Councillor Worby is responsible for developing services which help prevent problems, safeguarding the vulnerable, empowering people and maintaining independence, including the roll out of community hubs.

Working with partners in the NHS and the voluntary sector (including BDCollective), Councillor Worby has responsibility for strategies and actions to help end isolation and loneliness for older people 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 and Community Safety (on reducing domestic violence).

Councillor Worby also shares responsibility with the Cabinet Member for Children’s Social Care and Disabilities for services that support residents of all ages with physical and learning disabilities ensuring the Council’s response is disability-inclusive. This includes championing the health and needs of adults with disabilities by improving health and wellbeing, independent living, pathways into learning, and access to housing, employment and training.

### **Councillor Jane Jones, Cabinet Member for Children’s Social Care & Disabilities**

Councillor Jones is the Council’s statutory lead member for children’s social care services and chairs the Council’s Corporate Parenting Board.

Councillor Jones leads on child protection, safeguarding, and promoting the well-being of children as well as tackling child poverty and supporting families, including early help.

Councillor Jones is also responsible for the Council’s role as a corporate parent supporting children and young people to live independent and healthy lives through looked after services, family placement, promoting adoption and fostering, and for the Council’s youth offending service.

Councillor Jones is also lead member for the development of community intervention zones. As part of this, Councillor Jones shares responsibility for the development of locality working with stakeholder partners alongside the Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration.

Councillor Jones also shares responsibility with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration for services that support residents of all ages with physical and learning disabilities ensuring the Council’s response is disability-inclusive. This includes championing children’s health and the needs of children with disabilities.

### **Councillor Elizabeth Kangethe – Cabinet Member for Educational Attainment & School Improvement**

Councillor Kangethe is responsible for ensuring that youngsters get the best start in life. As part of this, Councillor Kangethe is responsible for driving up standards in nurseries, primary and secondary schools and in further education.

Councillor Kangethe is also responsible for ensuring education is inclusive and accessible to all students, including children with special educational needs (SEND). This includes fighting for fairer funding for schools and pupils, driving up participation after youngsters leave secondary school and encouraging more pupils go into Sixth Form and onto top universities.

## **Councillor John Dulwich, Deputy Cabinet Member for Performance & Data Insight**

In support of the Cabinet Member for Finance, Growth and Core Services, Councillor Dulwich is responsible for advising Cabinet on corporate performance and ensuring data insight is at the heart of the design of Council services.

As part of this, Councillor Dulwich is responsible for making recommendations on the performance management of services across the Council that inform business planning and lobbying priorities. He also advises Cabinet on the Council's data insight strategy and new ways of using data to support the delivery of better services.