

Portfolio Holders – Amended Delegations

The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Overview and External Affairs

The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Overview and External Affairs shall have the following responsibilities:-

(a) Corporate Matters

- when present to chair meetings of the Executive;
- lead the development and implementation of the Council's statutory and other plans and strategies including:
 - the Council's corporate priorities and objectives,
 - the needs of the Borough and local communities on matters of comprehensive, corporate and strategic importance,
 - the Council's overall performance
- oversee the allocation of resources to implement the Council's plans and strategies and to meet the Council's objectives;
- take responsibility for the review of the pay and conditions of Chief Officers;
- oversee the arrangements and overall budgets of the Members' Secretariats;
- oversee the conduct of litigation by or against the Council, and major contracts entered into by the authority;
- make proposals for the appointment of Councillors or other persons on outside bodies as representatives of the Council;
- oversee the arrangements for all civic and ceremonial matters;
- make proposals to Council for the setting of the levels of Councillor's allowances and expenses;
- oversee the programme for Member development;
- keep under review and make proposals for changes to the Constitution;
- emergency planning;
- taking the lead within the Executive in promoting and developing the Authority's equal opportunity policies;
- *act as the Member level 'Design and Heritage Champion' for the Authority.*

(b) External Affairs

- liaise on behalf of the Council with Government Departments, the Greater London Authority and other local and public bodies;
- respond to Central Government, the Greater London Authority and Local Authority Associations' consultation exercises and to requests for information.