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Individual executive members appointed to the positions or holding the cabinet member responsibilities mentioned below may discharge any executive function falling within or to any extent touching upon the areas of responsibility described, subject to the limitations identified.

In circumstances where a cabinet member is absent or otherwise unable to act or the position is vacant, the Leader may arrange for executive functions in respect of the relevant areas of responsibility to be discharged, in whole or in part, by one or more other cabinet members (including the deputy leader).

Members of the executive

The executive consists of the following members:

- [Councillor Lynn Williams- Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture](#)
- [Councillor Ivan Taylor - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Partnerships and Performance](#)
- [Councillor Neal Brookes - Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Public Safety, Highways and Transport](#)
- [Councillor Gillian Campbell - Cabinet Member for Inclusion, Youth, Schools and Transience](#)
- [Councillor Jo Farrell - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and Community Health and Wellbeing](#)
- [Councillor Jim Hobson - Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care](#)
- [Councillor Jane Hugo - Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment](#)
- [Councillor Mark Smith - Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation](#)

Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture - Councillor Lynn Williams

The Leader will provide Executive Leadership to the Council on all matters and particularly all major strategic, corporate cross-cutting, financial reputational and commercially sensitive issues.

A Cabinet Assistant (Councillor Peter Hunter) has been appointed under para 6.1 of article 7 of the Constitution to assist the Leader of the Council. The Cabinet Assistant, while not a member of the Executive and without decision-making powers will assist the Leader of the Council by undertaking research, communicating with stakeholders, helping to develop policy and where appropriate attending partnership meetings.

The leader may without prejudice discharge any executive function and has a particular responsibility for the following functional areas:

- Levelling Up Fund
- Tourism-based regeneration
- Tourism and marketing services
- Illuminations
- Blackpool Museum Project
- Blackpool Central Project
- Arts, culture and Grundy Art Gallery
- Built Heritage

- Libraries
- Planning and land use
- Legal and governance services
- Financial management
- Audit
- Public communications
- ICT
- Customer First
- Corporate strategy development and research
- Human Resources
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award

[Contact Councillor Lynn Williams](#)

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for and Partnerships and Performance – Councillor Ivan Taylor

In the absence or unavailability of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council may in line with the council's constitution exercise the powers of the Leader of the council and may without prejudice discharge any executive function.

- Relationships with all the council wholly owned companies and the shareholder lead cabinet member
- Relationships with the Blackpool Tower complex and associated buildings (Merlin)
- Relationships with Hounds Hill shopping complex
- Housing adaptations
- Strategic housing matters
- Development of affordable housing
- Delivery Unit progress
- Relationships with Homes England, Regulator for Social Housing and Residents Associations
- Decent homes
- New homes strategy
- Contracts, policy and purchasing
- Relationships with Lancashire Renewables Ltd
- Street cleansing including Trade waste, HWRD, Local Environmental Action Team, parks operations, CVMU and building cleaning
- Relationships with Lancashire Waste Partnerships
- Council efficiency programme
- Council's representative on the Local Enterprise Partnerships
- Homes in Multiple Occupation (HMO's)
- Waste Strategy, Policy and Partnerships
- Private sector housing licensing/Selective Licensing

[Contact Councillor Taylor](#)

Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Public Safety, Highways and Transport – Councillor Neal Brookes

The Cabinet Member for Enforcement, Public Safety, Highways and Transport has responsibility for the following areas:

- Highways and Transportation Policy
- Community safety, CCTV, security and CEO's
- Highways and traffic management including highways maintenance, residents' parking, network management, capital schemes, bus stops, highways inspection arrangements, tramway maintenance and highways engineering section
- Public protection including environmental protection, trading standards, licensing, food control, health and safety enforcement and planning enforcement
- Council Tax Reduction Scheme
- Welfare Benefits
- "BSafe" - Blackpool Community Safety Partnership and its plan
- Cemetery and crematorium
- Registrars and coroner's support

- Direct Payments, personal health budgets and Brokerage
- Street lighting PFI including street lighting, traffic signals and illuminated bollards and signs
- Integrated Transport Services (CVMU) including adults, children and Rideability Community Transport Services and school crossing patrol
- Housing Enforcement
- Public Toilets

[Contact Councillor Brookes](#)

Cabinet Member for Inclusion, Youth, Schools and Transience - Councillor Gillian Campbell

The Cabinet Member for Inclusion, Youth, Schools and Transience has responsibility for the following areas:

- Council's representative on YOT
- Inclusion
- Council's representative on Headstart
- Catering
- Transience
- Young people
- Housing options and homelessness
- Housing related support and sustaining private sector tenancies
- Children with Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Blackpool Education Improvement Board
- Council's representative on Schools Forum
- Children's Inspectorate Framework (Schools)
- Education diversity and support units/service eg Pupil Referral Units
- SEND inspectorate framework
- School place planning, organisation and buildings

[Contact Councillor Campbell](#)

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and Community Health and Wellbeing – Councillor Jo Farrell

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health has responsibility for the following areas:

- Regulated care sector/ inspection/ quality monitoring
- Adult social care assessment and support
- Adult respite, day services, Care at Home, supported living and residential services
- Children and young people - health visiting, Family Nurse Partnership, school nursing and Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- Reablement and intermediate care
- Adult provider services including commissioned services for adults
- Adult safeguarding
- Adult mental health, learning disability, frail older people and physical disability services
- Health integration including funding and services delivery
- Provider market development
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Public Health – commissioning of public health services
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Affordable warmth
- Local Authority Declaration on Healthy Weight
- Drug and alcohol harm reduction
- Tobacco harm reduction
- Sexual health and blood borne virus prevention
- NHS Health Checks
- Hospital discharge and prevention of admissions
- Council's representation on Learning Disability Partnership Board

- Domestic abuse
- Health protection
- Health and wellbeing strategy
- Fairness Commission
- Equality and Diversity
- Community engagement and consultation
- Asset based community development
- Promoting use of volunteers
- Leisure services including leisure management, Active Blackpool, Community Sport, PE and schools' sports and outdoor pursuits

[Contact Councillor Farrell](#)

Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care - Councillor Jim Hobson

Also the Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services under the Children's Act 2004.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care also has responsibility for the following areas:

- Children's social care and targeted intervention services to include:
 - Access to services
 - Fostering/adoption/permanence planning
 - Care leavers
 - Children's homes
 - Children in need/child protection
 - Exploitation
 - Our children/Corporate parenting strategy
 - Early Help
- Children's commissioning
- Children and Families Strategic Partnerships
- Children's Inspectorate Framework (Social care and youth offending)
- Safeguarding Assurance Partnership
- 'Getting to Good' partnerships - Youth Offending Team and children's social care
- Council's representative on the Better Start Board
- Early years

[Contact Councillor Hobson](#)

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment - Councillor Jane Hugo

The Cabinet Member for Climate Change has responsibility for the following areas:

- Planning for the Council's route to net zero
- Mitigating the impact of climate change on Blackpool
- Energy and environment
- Reducing single use plastics
- Flood and water management
- Coastal defence schemes
- Sea water quality
- Fylde Peninsula Water Management Partnership
- Green and Blue Infrastructure strategy
- Climate Change Partnership, Town wide Action and collaboration on climate change
- Outdoor learning
- Support and promotion for Friends of Parks' Groups
- Parks and green environment including Stanley Park, Marton Mere Nature Reserve and ecological areas, parks development plans and grounds maintenance

[Contact Councillor Hugo](#)

Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation – Councillor Mark Smith

The Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation has responsibility for the following areas:

- Economic development based regeneration including growth and prosperity
- Enterprise Zones
- Getting people into work including Positive Steps, youth employment and education and business growth prosperity
- Relationships with Department for work and Pensions and Job Centre Plus
- Building services
- Parking services
- Town Deal and Community Renewal Funding
- Asset management/Council owned properties
- Business Improvement District (BID)
- Adult learning

[Contact Councillor Smith](#)

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