

GROUP LEADER

The Council recognises the key leadership role played by the leaders of all political groups on the Council and the importance of their commitment to cross-party working.

Role and Responsibilities

- 1 To provide the leadership of a political group.
- 2 To be the principal political spokesperson for the political group.
- 3 To be a representative voice in dealings with government agencies, local authority associations etc.
- 4 To encourage the highest standards of conduct by members of the group.
- 5 To nominate members to serve on Committees, Working Groups, outside bodies etc.
- 6 To appoint group spokespersons and allocate other responsibilities to group members as appropriate.
- 7 To assist in ensuring appropriate levels of attendance are maintained by group members.
- 8 To encourage a culture of learning and development among members, including the active participation of group members in briefings, seminars and other learning and development processes.
- 9 To maintain effective liaison with the other group leaders, including being a member of the Group Leaders' meeting.
- 10 To establish and maintain effective working relationships with the Managing Director, Chief Officers and other senior officers and to meet regularly them in order to keep fully apprised of relevant service issues.