

Leader of the Opposition Role Description

1 Accountabilities

- To the nominating political group

2 Role Purpose and Activity

Providing political leadership for an opposition group

- To be a political figurehead for an opposition group
- To be a political spokesperson for the Council's opposition
- To provide leadership in the constructive challenge of the Council's policies
- To constructively challenge the vision for the Council and community where appropriate
- To provide strong, clear leadership in the co-ordination of alternative policies, strategies and service delivery

Representing the Authority's opposition

- To represent the Opposition Group to a high standard; providing a strong, competent and eloquent figure to represent the opposition within the Authority.
- To appoint members of the political group to the relevant positions on committees and ensure opportunity for the opposition to voice its views
- To represent the Council on external bodies

Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships

- To promote and support good governance of the Council and its affairs
- To provide community leadership and promote active citizenship
- To promote and support open and transparent government
- To promote, support, and adhere to respectful, appropriate and effective relationships with employees of the Council and opposition members
- To promote, support and adhere to the Member's Code of Conduct, Member/Officer Protocol and the highest standards of behaviour in public office

3 Values

To be committed to and demonstrate the following values in public office:

- Openness and transparency
- Honesty and integrity
- Tolerance and respect

- Equality and fairness
- Appreciation of cultural difference
- Sustainability
- Inclusive leadership
- Consensus building