

Northampton Borough Council



The Role of a Councillor

- Make collective decisions on behalf of the Council
- Work with their constituents to resolve their issues or represent them
- Sit on Committees of the Council and outside bodies. Including Licensing Committee and Planning Committee
- Councillors can take part in Overview & Scrutiny (except for Cabinet Members & the Mayor)
- Play a community leadership role
- Representatives of the Council

The Role of Full Council

- Appoints the Leader of the Council
- Appoints Councillors to sit on Committees (Licensing, Planning, Audit, Standards)
- Political groups put forward topics for debate which are known as 'motions'
- High level, strategic decisions are made at this meeting, such as setting policy framework and the Council's annual budget

The Role of Cabinet

- 6 Councillors made up from the majority group
- Acts as an Executive for the Council
- Makes decisions in line with Council's overall policies and budgets
- Each Councillor has a 'portfolio' of responsibility

Cabinet Members

- Leader of the Council: **Cllr David Mackintosh**
- Environment : **Cllr Mike Hallam**
- Community Engagement: **Cllr Brandon Eldred**
- Housing Engagement : **Cllr Mary Markham** & Deputy Chair Cabinet
- Planning, Regeneration and Enterprise: **Cllr Tim Hadland**
- Finance : **Cllr Alan Bottwood**

The Role of Overview and Scrutiny

- Overview and Scrutiny provides the opportunity for Councillors and members of the public to improve the quality and delivery of services to local communities
- It can ask for information on matters of concern or interest referred to it.
- It can hold detailed investigations or reviews and make recommendations to the Cabinet or Full Council.
- Have the power to 'call-in' decisions made by Cabinet Members, asking them to give a full explanation of the decisions or to re-consider the matter. Ultimately, if the issue is not resolved satisfactorily, the matter can be referred to full Council.

The Role of Officers

- Professionals in their field
- Impartial
- Non-political
- Act as advisors
- Provide guidance
- Implement the decisions of elected councillors