Portfolio responsibilities

My role as Leader of the Council is to provide strategic direction, working with my Cabinet and Members from across the Council to deliver our key priorities. Alongside my Leadership role, I am also responsible for the corporate plan and our local strategic partnership. A particular focus of my portfolio is on economic development, regeneration and attracting inward investment into the Borough.

Key Priorities and Projects

- Delivery of the Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park
- Working with our partners to support the delivery of the Eastbourne Town Centre Improvement Scheme
- Provision of a new restaurant at the Wish Tower
- Progressing the Joint Venture partnership to enable us to deliver a range of capital projects across the Borough
- Our housing and economic development initiatives which will deliver homes and regeneration benefits
- Refurbishment of retail and residential properties at Victoria Mansions to improve linkages between the seafront and the town centre
- Working with the Leaders of the County Council, East Sussex District and Borough Councils and MPs to lobby Government to make the A27 between Lewes and Polegate a dual carriageway
- Supporting high speed rail services between London St. Pancras and Eastbourne to provide significant journey time reductions
- Working with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to help companies expand, by attracting new business investment to drive the economy forward in Eastbourne and East Sussex
- Regular liaison with Eastbourne Hospitality Association, Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce and Eastbourne Federation of Small Businesses.

Representing the Council

I am the Council’s representative on:

- The South East Local Enterprise Partnership
- Team East Sussex
- Local Government Association
- East Sussex and Eastbourne Strategic Partnerships
- Joint Action Group (JAG)
- Eastbourne and District Enterprise Agency Ltd (EDEAL)

Key strategies and plans

- Corporate Plan
- South East Local Enterprise Partnership Economic Plan
- Town Centre Local Plan
- Local Employment Plan

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- Eastbourne Housing Investment Co Ltd Board
- South East Environmental Services Board
- iESE Transformation Ltd Board