

Senior leadership team



Stephen Young
Chief Executive

Children and Young People

Melissa Caslake
Executive Director of Children’s Services.

Katie Kelleher
Interim Director of Early Help and School Readiness.

Cathy Starbuck
Director of Education and Inclusion.

Sayma Khan
Director of Children’s Social Care.

Deborah Blackburn
Director of Children’s Commissioning, Nursing and Wellbeing.

Place

John Searle
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Place.

Stephanie Mullenger
Director of Property and Client Services.

Rupert Casey
Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods.

Kurt Partington
Director of Regeneration.

Shoaib Mohammad
Director of Infrastructure.

Matthew Ainsworth
Director of Skills, Work, and Inclusive Economy.

Darren Grice
Director of Culture.

Helen Core
Director of Housing. (starts August 2026)

Public Health

Gillian McLauchlan
Director of Public Health.

Vacant
Director of Health Protection and Commissioning (Deputy DPH).

Dr May Moonan
Director of Healthcare Public Health (Deputy DPH).

Adult Social Care and Health

Becky Wilkinson
Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health Partnerships.

Judd Skelton
Director of Adult Commissioning.

Paul Walsh
Director of Adult Commissioning.

Lee Calvert
Director of Adult Social Care .

Jon Manzoni
Interim Director of Provider Services

Lee Thompson
Interim Director of Transformation and Improvement.

Corporate Services

Jen Green
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Corporate Services. (starts August 2026)

Sam Betts
Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development.

Steve Fry
Director of Customer and Digital Services.

Jacquie Russell*
Director of Policy, Performance and Communications.

Surjit Tour*
City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.

Rachel Rosewell*
Chief Finance Officer (S151).

Paul Hutchings
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

Gareth James
Deputy City Solicitor.

*These posts report directly to the Chief Executive however their services are within Corporate Services under the Deputy Chief Executive (Executive Director Corporate Services).