

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion & Neighbourhood Working: Councillor Dave Sheppard

The Deputy Leader will support the Leader in day-to-day activity and holds specific responsibility Neighbourhood Working and Social Inclusion. This portfolio oversees all aspects of services and programmes which support social inclusion and inclusive communities, helping to ensure that the Council meets its vision statement commitment that ‘no one is left behind’.

Responsibility	Previous portfolio holder prior to the election in May 2024	Current portfolio holder following the election in May 2024
Member neighbourhood working and the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy	Councillor Allen (Former Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working)	Councillor Sheppard
Towns & Villages and Our Places Funds	Councillor Allen (Former Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working)	Councillor Sheppard
Parish Council Liaison	Councillor Allen (Former Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working)	Councillor Sheppard
Member Development	Councillor Allen (Former Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working)	Councillor Sheppard
Democratic Services	Councillor Allen (Former Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working)	Councillor Sheppard
Community Cohesion (supporting the Leader)	Councillor Allen (Former Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working)	Councillor Sheppard
Social Inclusion Cultural Services, including libraries, neighbourhood hubs, heritage, theatre and arts	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
All matters relating to Leisure Services (including recreation, sport and the Leisure PFI)	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard

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Voluntary and Community Sector liaison	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
Rotherham Community Energy Scheme and tackling fuel poverty	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
Development of an events programme in parks	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
Green spaces and recreational facilities	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
Levelling Up Fund investments in country parks	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
All matters relating to Allotments (including liaison with the Rotherham Allotments Alliance)	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
The Food for People in Crisis Partnership, crisis loans schemes and development of the social supermarket	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
Advocacy and Appeals (and the Single Advice Model)	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
Regional Flood partnerships, Local Flood Authority duties, including town centre and other flood prevention investments	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard
All matters relating to Highway Drainage (including septic tank and cesspool emptying)	Councillor Sheppard in his role as Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Environment.	Councillor Sheppard

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NEW - Cemeteries, crematorium and mortuary services, including the Dignity contract	Councillor Alam (Former Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance)	Councillor Sheppard
NEW - Registrars Service	Councillor Alam (Former Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance)	Councillor Sheppard