

City of Wolverhampton Council

Cabinet Members, Scrutiny and Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs 2025/2026


The Cabinet

The Cabinet comprises the following Councillors. Lead roles are indicated below although it should be noted that these may be shared with the Leader or other Cabinet Members.



Leader
Stephen Simkins

- Our City: Our Plan
- City Partnerships
- West Midlands Combined Authority
- International, national, regional and sub-regional Leadership
- Financial Wellbeing



Deputy Leader: City Housing
Steve Evans

- Our City: Our Plan – good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods
- City Housing Strategy and Housing Policies
- City Prevention of Homelessness Strategy
- City Housing Needs & Affordable Housing incl. Temporary Accommodation
- City Private Housing Services Incl. Enforcement and Civil Penalties
- Safer Homes incl. National Residential Building Safety Programme
- City Residential Landlord Services – Wolverhampton Homes Arm's Length Management Company
- City Residential Landlord Services – Tenant Management Organisations Right to Manage Tenant Organisations and Cooperatives
- City Housing Company – WV Living Ltd
- City Housing Development Strategy




Health Wellbeing and Community
Obaida Ahmed

- Our City: Our Plan – healthy, inclusive communities Preventing Ill Health and reducing Health Inequalities
- Starting and developing well
- Healthy Life Expectancy
- Healthy Ageing
- NHS Partnerships
- Public Health Commissioning
- WV Active
- Our City: Our Plan – fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it
- Community Engagement
- Health and Care integration through the integrated care system, place-based partnership and integrated care partnership
- Health and Care reform including the fair cost of care and social care cap government reforms.
- Voluntary and Community Sector Partnerships
- Libraries and Community Hubs
- New Communities and Migration
- Community safety and community cohesion



Resources
Louise Miles

- Our Money including Medium term financial planning
- a. capital strategy (incl. schools)
- b. budget development process
- c. treasury management strategy
- Council tax and business rates
- Housing benefits and council tax benefits
- Procurement and Commercialisation
- Audit and Corporate risk



Children, Young People and Education
Jaqueline Coogan

- Our City: Our Plan – strong families where children grow up well and achieve their full potential
- Our City: Our Plan – fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it Children's safeguarding incl. prevention of exploitation
- Children in need and in need of protection
- Children and young people in care and care leavers
- Corporate parenting
- Early intervention, prevention and specialist services
- Children's Transformation work (incl. specific funded programmes and national reform)
- Youth Offending
- Children and young people partnership working
- Children and young people's health incl. disabilities and emotional health and wellbeing
- Children's Services commissioning
- Children and Young People's participation and engagement
- Early Years
- School standards and attainment
- Strategic School place planning
- School admissions
- 0-25 Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Education inclusion incl. behaviour, attendance, and elected home education
- School governance
- Home to school transport
- Commercial services to schools
- Health and wellbeing for schools
- Post 16 School Education provision



Adults
Paula Brookfield

- Our City: Our Plan – fulfilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it
- Adult Services Transformation work
- Operational Social care provision for adults, older people, learning and physical disabilities, complex needs and mental health including:-
- Adult Safeguarding (MASH 24)
- AMHP Hub
- Carer support (paid and unpaid)
- Welfare rights
- Information, advice and guidance (including Wolverhampton Information Network)
- Bitter Care Fund
- Adult care commissioning and market sustainability
- Quality assurance and monitoring
- Adult user engagement
- Financial Assessments
- CCC inspection framework



City Development, Jobs and Skills
Chris Burden

- Our City: Our Plan – more local people into good jobs and training
- Adult Education
- Further and higher education (incl. Wolverhampton College, training providers and universities)
- Skills and employability including Careers advice, Wolves at Work, Impact and Workbook
- Our City: Our Plan – thriving economy in all parts of the city
- Strategic Planning, incl. Local Plan policy
- Supporting City businesses
- Stimulating Inward investment
- Economic growth and inclusion partnerships
- Delivery and implementation of the Strategic Asset Plan
- External relations, Public Relations and Reputation Management
- Visitor Experience (Culture and Events)
- City Marketing
- Our City: Our Plan – Our Assets - ensuring the city has a fit for purpose asset portfolio to meet current and future needs.



City Transport
Kaiser Azeem

- Our City: Our Plan – climate conscious
- Strategic Transportation
- Operational Transportation incl. highways management and maintenance
- Fleet management
- Passenger Transport
- Sustainability
- Delivery of the 2028 climate commitment
- Delivery of the 2041 climate commitment for the city
- Parking Services



Governance and Digital
Jeszemma Howell


- Our City: Our Plan - Fair and Inclusive priority including equalities
- Legal
- Democratic Services and School Appeals
- Scrutiny
- Electoral Registration and Elections
- Information Governance
- Civic Support (Mayoral and Councillor Support) and Councillor Enquiries
- Corporate Complaints and Feedback
- Our People Strategy Incl. HR and Organisation Development
- Health and Safety
- Emergency Planning, Resilience and business continuity
- Our City: Our Plan - Driven by Digital
- Our Digital including the council's digital and IT service
- Our Data including data and analytics
- Digital infrastructure and connectivity
- Digital Inclusion including digital skills
- Digital innovation
- Digital Projects
- Customer Services
- Registrars
- Archives




Resident Services
Bhupinder Gakhal

- Waste and Recycling Services
- Street cleansing
- Grounds maintenance, parks operations, country parks operations
- Markets
- Public protection and consumer protection
- Licensing
- Bereavements
- Coroner

Scrutiny Board



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