

LEAD MEMBER ROLE

Lead Members should:-

- Take the lead on behalf of the Authority for a particular subject area recognising that, on occasion, they should have the freedom to act in a scrutiny or questioning capacity.
- Be the initial point of contact for the Service or others wishing to discuss issues informally or sound out views.
- Be the spokesperson at Authority in respect of their particular area.
- Contribute to policy development locally and nationally as appropriate.
- Attend national or local meetings, seminars etc. in their area.
- Promote or represent the views and/or policies of the Authority in the public domain even if these are not their own views.
- Keep abreast of key developments and issues in their area.
- Receive briefings / information on their area as required from officers of the Service and/or Joint Secretariat.

Lead Members do not:-

- Have the power to commit the Authority to a course of action, or make a decision on its behalf.
- Have total accountability for their assigned area.