

Executive Portfolio:	Deputy Mayor and Lead Member for Children's Social Care
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Antony High
Lead Officer:	Chief Executive, Director of Children's Services
SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO	
<p>The Deputy Mayor will deputise for, and assist the Mayor in the execution of his duties and delivering a performance framework for Executive Members.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor will be the Lead Member for Children's Social Care, ensuring that our children are protected, to safeguard their welfare and wherever possible, seek to enable or provide a safe environment that reduces dependency on services, including the most disadvantaged and vulnerable and their families and carers.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor will also be the Thematic Lead for Drugs and will provide strategic oversight for the issues that drug misuse causes for individuals, communities and public services and businesses, as well as focus on the structure and delivery of drug-related service models.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor will deputise for, and assist the Mayor in the execution of his duties and delivering a performance framework for Executive Members.</p> <p>Policy Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Commissioning and Delivery Plans • Statutory guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services • General principles of UN convention on the rights of the child • Children Act 1989 • Section 19 of the Children Act 2004 • National Standards for Youth Justice Services • Children Act 2004 • Ofsted policy Framework <p>Other Plans and Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Services Improvement Plan • Corporate Parenting Strategy • Middlesbrough Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan • Looked After Children Strategy • MSCB Business Plan • Children and Young People's Plan • Children's Services Partnership 	

- Statutory guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services
- Youth Employment Strategy

Service Functions

- Children's assessment and care planning teams
- Looked after children / Children's homes
- Children with disabilities
- Fostering services
- Adoption services
- Leaving care services
- Independent review
- Quality improvement
 - Advisory Service
 - Early Help / Family Casework / Partnership Early Help/Early Help Hub
 - Participation (Youth Voice/Parliament)
 - School Readiness (including Children's Centres)
 - Work Readiness (NEET)

Partnerships

- Risk and Resilience/ Vulnerable Exploited Missing and Trafficked Groups
- Multi agency safeguarding arrangements / Local Safeguarding Children's Board
- Strategic and operational partnerships to improve outcomes for young people (e.g. Children's Trust)
- Children's Safeguarding Strategic Leaders Group

The Deputy Mayor and Lead Member for Children's Social Care will work closely with all the Executive Members on the impact of drug misuse and the development of service delivery models for those affected by the issue.