Executive Portfolio:	Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Mieka Smiles
Lead Officer:	Executive Director for Children's Services
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The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services will Chair meetings of the Executive and act in place of the Mayor, if for some reason the Mayor is unable to act.

The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services will also act as the Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services in accordance with the Children Act 2004 and associated statutory guidance, 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.

The Deputy Mayor has responsibility for:

- Children's Services
 - o Early Years and Children's Centres
 - Supporting Education Services
 - Play and Youth Services
 - o Children's Social Care
- Marketing and Communications.

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