

# Cabinet Member For Adult Social Care & Communities

MY RESPONSIBILITIES

## AS A COUNCILLOR

I was elected by my community (Thurrock residents) to represent them at council

- ▶ TO ENSURE THEIR VOICE AND CHOICES ARE HEARD
- ▶ TO POOL THOSE CHOICES AND FIND THE WAY AHEAD
- ▶ TO HELP, SUPPORT, GUIDE AND SIGNPOST
- ▶ SOMETIMES TO BE THEIR VOICE
- ▶ TO UNDERSTAND PROCESSES
- ▶ TO CHALLENGE COUNCIL DECISION MAKING
- ▶ AND SOMETIMES TO DEFEND IT
- ▶ TO LISTEN & COMMUNICATE IN ALL DIRECTIONS

AS A CABINET MEMBER IT'S THE SAME

# WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

- ▶ CABINET MEMBERS SET THE OVER ARCHING PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL
- ▶ THEN COUNCIL FINDS THE LEGAL, VIABLE, FEASIBLE & SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO MEET THOSE PRIORITIES.
- ▶ COUNCIL PRESENT THOSE WAYS AS OPTIONS (CHOICES OF DIRECTION) WITHIN CABINET REPORTS.
- ▶ THE REPORTS ARE MADE PUBLIC AND GO TO CROSS PARTY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE.
- ▶ O / S MAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS OR CHALLENGES TO CABINET AND THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS IS HEARD VIA CONSULTATIONS, PETITIONS, SOCIAL MEDIA
- ▶ CABINET THEN MAKE A DECISION AFTER LISTENING AND UNDERSTANDING

# MY PRIORITIES FOR ASC & COMMUNITIES

- ▶ **BETTER OUTCOMES** - We want the best possible care for Thurrock's vulnerable adults. Supporting independence and adding both years and quality to life.
- ▶ Let us try to stop escalation into intrusive measures like hospitalisation or residential care, by being proactive and innovative with our preventative care and early intervention health care offers.
- ▶ **STRONGER TOGETHER** - Service directorates working and communicating together to deliver completed projects. Recognising the value of community and voluntary services, using but not abusing their vital contribution. working together with other professional bodies and the voluntary sector to improve lives.
- ▶ **KEY WORDS : ENGAGE - ENABLE - SUPPORT - COLLABORATIVE WORKING**
- ▶ **COMMUNIT : TRUST - FLEXIBILITY - COMMUNICATION - DELIVERY**
- ▶ **ASC : INCLUSION - CONTROL - INDEPENDENCE - DIGNITY - UNDERSTANDING**

# HOW DO WE MAKE IT WORK?

- ▶ CELEBRATE & HIGHLIGHT THE WONDERFUL DIVERSITY WITHIN THURROCK COMMUNITIES
- ▶ RAISE AWARENESS VIA VISITS, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA
- ▶ BE A FACE NOT JUST A NAME - TALK SHOPS, LACs, LIBRARIES
- ▶ BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON TRUST NOT RED TAPE
- ▶ LISTEN TO RESIDENTS, GIVE THEM A VOICE - CONSULTATIONS
- ▶ PROMOTE WORKING TOGETHER VIA JOINT FUNDING SUCH AS THE BETTER CARE FUND
- ▶ PROMOTE JOINT WORKING WITH VOLUNTRY SECTOR VIA GRANT FUNDING SETTING CRITERIA TO TBC PRIORITIES
- ▶ HELP/ENABLE/FACILITATE BIDS FOR OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDING, FREE PORT, TOWNS FUNDS, CPP ART ENGLAND, VACCINATION PROG - GOV/PUBLIC HEALTH)
- ▶ SIGNPOST COMMUNITIES TO EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- ▶ MANAGE BUDGETS & SPEND, UNDERSTAND BUDGET PRESSURES
- ▶ KEEP US AHEAD OF THE CURVE  
(COVID, ASC TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM, HEALTH & WELLBEING DATA)

# HOW DO I MAKE IT WORK?

- ▶ I MEET REGULARLY WITH OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR BRIEFINGS.
- ▶ I READ REPORTS, AND ASK QUESTIONS TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, ENSURE MY UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT.
- ▶ I INFORM CABINET MEMBERS AND GET ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS
- ▶ I VOICE IDEAS AND CHALLENGE BOTH OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS TO PROVOKE THOUGHT AND UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCIES OF ACTIONS.
- ▶ I MEET AND TALK TO SERVICE USERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, VOLUNTRY SERVICES, CHARITY ORGANISATIONS AS WELL AS FELLOW COUNCILLORS AND CABINET MEMBERS.
- ▶ I TRY TO LOOK AT OPTIONS FROM ALL PERSPECTIVES TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING AND DIRECTION.
- ▶ I CONSULT WITH THOSE AFFECTED BEFORE DECISION MAKING.
- ▶ I PROCESS ALL THE INFORMATION, LOOK FOR COMPROMISE, LOOK FOR WHAT WE CAN DO FOR THE BEST TO IMPROVE LIVES AND SERVICES WHERE EVER POSSIBLE.
- ▶ MAKE THE DECISION AND DEFEND IT.

# AND THEN I

- ▶ WEEKLY MEETING WITH ASC DIRECTOR
- ▶ MONTHLY MEETING AD ASC, COMMUNITY LEAD OFFICER, COMMS
- ▶ ADHOC MEETINGS WITH COMMISSIONING AND OTHER STRATEGIC LEAD OFFICERS
- ▶ ATTEND HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD AND THE ADULT SAFEGUARDING BOARD
- ▶ ATTEND CLLD MEETINGS
- ▶ ATTEND ROUND TABLE MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS
- ▶ ATTEND/ ARRANGE/SPEAK AT /CHAIR COMMUNITY MEETINGS
- ▶ SPEAK AT CONFERENCES
- ▶ TAKE PART ON FUNDING PANELS (VSDF CLLD CEDF)
- ▶ ATTEND COMMUNITY EVENTS
- ▶ READILY AVAILABLE TO OFFICERS 24/7
- ▶ AM NOT AFRAID TO SHARE
- ▶ MAKE VISITS TO TBC SITES

# ENGAGE - ENABLE - SUPPORT

## EXAMPLES

- ▶ CVS - COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SERVICES
- ▶ STRONGER TOGETHER
- ▶ TRANSFORMATION THURROCK
- ▶ T100, WWII COMMITTEE, WINDRUSH, SEA FARERS, CPP, HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, REMEMBERING SREBRENICA, CHRISTMAS SERVICES, FLAG RAISINGS, INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- ▶ PIGGS CORNER, KYNOCH, COLLINS HOUSE, CROMWELL ROAD, LIBRARIES, STAFF AWARDS, HEALTH PARTNERS /TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE



# I AM HUMAN

WITH THE BEST WILL IN THE WORLD, I TRY AT ALL TIMES TO DO MY BEST TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THIS BOROUGH.

FOR SOME THE DECISION WILL BE POPULAR, FOR SOME IT WILL NOT, BUT IT WILL ALWAYS BE MADE WITH CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

MY MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL IS TO RECOGNISE WHEN I AM WRONG AND PUT IT RIGHT.