

# City of Wolverhampton Council

## Cabinet Members, Scrutiny and Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs 2024/2025

### 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, 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 Companies
- City Housing Company – WV Living Ltd
- City Housing Development Strategy



**Governance and Equalities**  
**Paula Brookfield**

- Our City: Our Plan – Fair and Inclusive priority including equalities
- Legal
- Domestic Services and School Appeals
- Scrutiny
- Electional Registration and Elections
- Information Governance
- Civic Support (Mayor 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 – Our Assets – ensuring the city has a fit for purpose asset portfolio to meet current and future needs.



**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 when children grow up well and active (incl. parents)
- Our City: Our Plan – skilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it
- Children's safeguarding and protection of children
- Children and young people income and care leavers
- Corporate parenting
- Early intervention, prevention and specialist services
- Children's Transformation work (incl. specific funded programmes and national pilots)
- Youth Offending
- Children and young people partnership working
- Children and young people's 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
- 0-5 Social Educational Needs and Disability
- Education inclusion incl. behaviour, attendance, and excluded home education
- School governance
- Home to school transport
- Commercial services to schools
- Health and wellbeing for schools
- Post 16 School Education provision
- CC Inspection framework
- Our City: Our Plan – healthy, active communities (Prevention & Health and reducing Health Inequalities)
- Shaping and developing our Healthy Life Expectancy
- Healthy Assets
- WIS Partnership
- Public Health Commissioning
- WV Active



**Adults and Wellbeing**  
**Jasbir Jaspal**

- Our City: Our Plan – skilled lives for all with quality care for those that need it
- Health and Care integration through the integrated care system, place based partnership and integrated care partnerships
- Health and Care reform including the fit cost of care and social care cap government reform.
- 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) AMP Hub
- Carer support (paid and unpaid) Walker Hubs
- Information, advice and guidance (including Wolverhampton Education Network)
- Better Care Fund
- Adult care commissioning and market sustainability
- Quality assurance and monitoring
- Adult care engagement
- Financial Assessments



**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, Workless at Work, Impact and Workbox
- 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



**Transport and Green City**  
**Qaiser Azeem**

- Our City: Our Plan – climate conscious
- Strategic Transportation
- Operational Transportation incl. highways management and maintenance
- Fleet management
- Passenger Transport
- Sustainability
- Delivery of the 2029 climate commitment
- Delivery of the 2041 climate commitment for the city
- Parking Services



**Digital and Community Inclusion**  
**Obaida Ahmed**

- 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
- Registers
- Archives
- Voluntary and Community Sector Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Libraries and Community Hubs
- New Communities and Migration
- Community safety and community cohesion



**Resident Services**  
**Bhupinder Gakhal**

- Waste and Recycling Services
- Street cleaning
- Community maintenance, parks operations, country parks operations
- Markets
- Public protection and consumer protection
- Licensing
- Borrowments
- Coroner
- Kabaddi World Cup

### Scrutiny Board



**Chair**  
**Philip Bateman**



**Vice Chair**  
**Jaszemna Howell**

### Mayor



**Mayor**  
**Linda Leach**



**Deputy Mayor**  
**Craig Collingswood**

### Opposition Leader and Deputy Leader



**Opposition Leader**  
**Simon Bennett**



**Opposition Deputy Leader**  
**Wendy Dalton**

### Scrutiny Panels



**Chair**  
**Val Evans**



**Vice Chair**  
**Lamina Lloyd**



**Chair**  
**Jane Francis**



**Vice Chair**  
**Andrew McNeil**



**Chair**  
**John Reynolds**



**Vice Chair**  
**Paul Brookfield**

Adult

Children, Young People & Education

Resources & Equality



**Chair**  
**Mary Bateman**



**Vice Chair**  
**Paul Singh**



**Chair**  
**Jacqui Sweetman**



**Vice Chair**  
**Sally Green**



**Chair**  
**Barbara McGarrity**



**Vice Chair**  
**Stephanie Haynes**

Health

Economy & Growth

Climate Change, Housing and Communities

### Committees



**Chair**  
**Jaspreet Jaspal**



**Vice Chair**  
**Ciaran Brackenridge**



**Chair**  
**Rita Potter**



**Vice Chair**  
**Iqra Tahir**



**Chair**  
**Zee Russell**



**Vice Chair**  
**Alan Butt**

Audit and Risk

Governance & Ethics

Regulatory and Statutory Licensing



**Chair**  
**Milkinder Jaspal**



**Vice Chair**  
**Tersaim Singh**



**Chair**  
**Paul Sweet**



**Vice Chair**  
**Gillian Wildman**

Pensions

Planning