

Rob Polkinghorne
Chief Executive

Karen Wheeler
Interim Assistant Chief Executive

Michael Moore - Head of Engagement and Communications
Karishma Chandaria - Head of Strategy Policy and Performance
Sam Pittam-Smith - Interim Head of Transformation and Improvement

Kevin O'Keefe
Interim Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Josie Griffiths - Head of Audit Risk and Assurance
Brian Reed - Head of Democratic Services
Jennie Summers/Hilary Irving - Acting Head(s) of Legal Services

Chief Executive's Office

Ashley Hughes
Executive Director of Resources, Section 151 Officer

Resources

Amanda Harcus
Interim Director of People

Sara Duncalf - Head of HR
Gareth Sayers - Head of Organisational Development and Culture
Lee Washbrook - Head of Customer Experience

Chris Benham
Director of Finance, Deputy Section 151

Lianne Halliday - Head of Procurement
Paul Manning - Head of Revenues and Benefits
Vacant - Finance Business Support Manager
Nicola Wood-Hill - Finance Manager (Adults, Health and Integration)
Diane Green - Finance Manager (Children's Services)
Steven Reading - Finance Manager (Place & Corporate Services)
Tracy Baldwin - Finance Manager (Strategic Finance & Accounting)

Gareth Pawlett
Director of Digital (SIRO)

Valda Williams - Head of Strategy, Business Engagement and Assurance
Chris Weedall - Chief Technology Officer/Architecture Lead
Lou Jones - Solution Delivery Manager
Amanda Curtis - Service Delivery and Workplace Services Manager
Martin Potts - Infrastructure and Operations Manager

Senior Officer Structure

March 2026

Dawn Godfrey
Executive Director of Children's Services

Children's Services

Tracy Stephen
Director of Family Help and Children's Social Care

Stephen Pepper - Head of Service - Children in Need and Child Protection
Samantha Derbyshire - Head of Service - Children's Provision (Shamena Sadiq covering Maternity leave)
Allison Sollom - Interim Head of Service - Cared for Children and Care Leavers
Heather Baron - Head of Service - Early Help and Prevention
Dharmesh Vyas - Interim Head of Service - Emergency Duty Team, Front Door and Domestic Abuse

Kerry Madden
Families First Programme Director

Sally Ashworth - Head of Service - Education Participation and Inclusion
Laura Rogerson - Head of Service - Education and Head of Virtual School
Helen Wallace - Interim Head of Service - Education, SEND and Inclusion Transformation
Dr Alexandria Brightmore - Principal Educational Psychologist and Head of Service - Specialist Teaching Teams
Danielle Holdcroft - Head of Service - Early Years, Family Hubs and Lifelong Learning

Helen Wallace
Director of Education, Skills and Inclusion

Vonni Gordon
Director of Quality, Partnerships and Commissioning

Katherine Oldacre - Head of Service - Children's Safeguarding
Gill Betton - Head of Service - Children's Development and Partnerships
Claudia Megele - Interim Principal Social Worker
Simone McCarthy - Quality Assurance Improvement Lead

Helen Charlesworth-May
Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration

Adults, Health and Integration

Claire McIver
Director of Public Health

Guy Kilminster - Corporate Manager - Health Improvement
Dr Matthew Atkinson - Consultant in Public Health - Health Protection and Healthcare Public Health
Dr Susan Roberts - Consultant in Public Health - Health Intelligence and Children and Families

Jill Broomhall
Director of Adult Social Care Operations

Sandra Murphy - Head of Adult Safeguarding (Including Community Safety)
Keith Evans - Head of Mental Health and Learning Disability
Daniel McCabe - Head of Care4CE and Short Term Care
Sheila Wood - Head of Improvement, Assurance and Development and Principal Social Worker
Tasha Zacune - Head of Service - South and East Community Teams and Community Care

Hayley Doyle
Director of Commissioning and Integration (Adults)

Curtis Vickers - Head of Integrated Commissioning
Vacant - Head of Service - (New Models of Care)
Vacant - Head of Integrated Commissioning - Children's, Families and Adults with Complex Needs
Daniel Coyne - Head of Service - Integrated Commissioning (People)

Richard Burgess
Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board, Interim Place Director Cheshire East

Richard Kenny
Interim Executive Director of Place

Place

Peter Skates
Director of Growth and Enterprise

Vacant - Head of Housing
Charles Jarvis - Head of Economic Development
Carole Hyde - Head of Rural and Cultural Economy
Alistair Burg-Broquere - Head of Estates

Chris Allman
Director of Planning and Environment

Ralph Kemp - Head of Environmental and Neighbourhood Services
Tracey Bettaney - Head of Regulatory Services
David Malcolm - Head of Planning
Jane Thomason - Head of Environmental Operations

Vacant
Director of Transport and Infrastructure

Richard Hibbert - Head of Strategic Transport and Parking
Chris Hindle/Paul Griffiths (temporary job share) - Head of Strategic Infrastructure
Domenic De Bechi - Head of Highways

Hayley Kirkham
Head of Major Programme Delivery

