

Senior Management structure

The Senior Management team are the senior managers responsible for running the council.

The Senior Management team is led by the Council's Chief Executive, Andrew Pritchard.

Details of the directors and assistant directors within each directorate can be found below.

Chief Executive – Andrew Pritchard

With responsibility for:

- Corporate and Strategic Management
- Elections
- Corporate Governance
- GDPR
- Head of Paid Service
- Liaison with Government/other agencies
- Medium Term Financial Plan
- Ombudsman Complaints
- Political Liaison

Director of Development and Place – Chris Hall

With responsibility for:

- Regeneration Capital Projects including the Authorities flagship project at Firepool
- Taunton Garden Town delivery
- The Commercial Investment Portfolio
- Heritage
- Hinkley
- Strategic Place Planning
- Development Management
- Economic Recovery and Economic Growth

Assistant Directors

Major and Special Projects – Joe Wharton

With responsibility for:

- Delivery of all regeneration projects including Firepool
- Town Centre & Regeneration Programmes
- Garden Town delivery

- Commercial Property Investment Portfolio
- Heritage at Risk Programme
- Active Travel
- Hickley Point C Relationship

Strategic Place Planning – Alison Blom-Cooper

With responsibility for:

- Development Management
- Planning Enforcement
- Land Charges
- Green Infrastructure Specialist
- Strategy and Policy
- Economic Development

Director of External Operations and Climate Change – Chris Hall (Interim)

With responsibility for:

- Corporate lead responding to the declared Climate Emergency
- Corporate lead for Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response
- Coastal Protection Authority
- Somerset Rivers Authority
- Asset Management
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Major Contracts (including Leisure and Building Control)
- Street Scene (including Refuse and Street Cleaning)
- Environmental Services (including Car Parking and Bereavement Services)
- Regulatory Services
- Commercial Services
- Public Health and Wellbeing

Assistant Directors

Climate Change, Regulatory Services and Asset Management – Jonathan Stevens

With responsibility for:

- Carbon Neutrality and Climate Resilience plan planning and delivery
- EV infrastructure and world first DC Share pilot
- Renewable Energy, Creating Green Links and Country Parks
- Somerset Rivers Authority Management Group
- Coastal Protection, erosion prevention schemes, flood prevention and response
- Beaches, Harbours and Marina compliance
- Asset Management

- Facilities Management
- Environmental Health, Public Health (including infection control) and Licensing
- Private Sector Housing (including Statutory Nuisance)

Commercial Services – Stuart Noyce

With responsibility for:

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Major Contracts; Waste (Somerset Waste Partnership), Leisure (SLM), Street Cleaning and Public Toilets (Idverde), Building Control (Somerset Building Control Partnership)
- Bereavement Services
- Planning Obligations
- Car Parks
- Emergency Planning/Resilience
- Fleet Management

Director of Internal Operations – Alison North

With responsibility for:

- Finance
- Revenues and Benefits
- Income Control
- Procurement
- Communications (Internal and External)
- HR and People Function
- Health & Safety
- Payroll
- Business Continuity
- Internal Change
- Information Technology
- Governance
- Business Intelligence

Assistant Directors

Customer – Richard Sealy

With responsibility for:

- Corporate Strategy
- Business Intelligence
- Corporate Performance and Risk Management
- Corporate Programme Management
- Customer Services and Deane Helpline
- Customer Engagement Strategy

- Digital Mailroom
- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- Corporate Administrative Support □ Direct Debit Administration
- Rent's billing and right to buy
- Revenues and Benefits

Finance (Section 151 Officer) – Paul Fitzgerald

With responsibility for:

- Statutory finance responsibility (S151 Officer)
- Financial Strategy, planning, control and audit
- Budget setting, monitoring and performance reporting
- Annual accounts, tax accounting and compliance
- Capital, Investment and Treasury strategy, planning and operations
- Commercial Property Investment Board member
- Banking arrangements and insurance
- Procurement Strategy, advice and compliance

Corporate – Sean Papworth

With responsibility for:

- People Business Partners
- Communications and Engagement
- Health & Safety
- Digital Strategy
- Human Resources
- Payroll
- Governance
- Internal Change Projects
- ICT Business as Usual
- Business Analysts

Director Housing and Communities – James Barrah

With responsibility for:

- Strategic direction and oversight of Housing and Communities Directorate
- Overall accountability for Directorate performance and improvement plans
- Lead on Housing Revenue Account 30 year financial business plan
- Directorate performance, resident engagement and customer experience teams

Assistant Directors

Housing and Communities – Simon Lewis

With responsibility for:

- Tenancy Management (new tenancies, ASB, debt and benefit support, tenancy compliance)
- Sheltered and Extra Care Housing Service
- Rent collection and arrears recovery
- Allocations and Lettings
- Housing Options, Homelessness and Homefinder
- Rough Sleepers accommodation and support
- Safeguarding
- Community Resilience and Engagement (S106 allocations, CCTV, PSPOs, wider community issues)
- Community Grants and voluntary and community sector engagement

Housing Property – Ian Candlish

With responsibility for:

- Housing Asset Management Strategy
- Housing and Corporate Property Safety Compliance
- Housing Responsive Repairs and Void Repairs
- Direct Labour Organisation – Building Operations
- Housing Planned Maintenance Capital Programmes
- Energy Performance and Carbon Reduction to Existing Homes

Development and Regeneration – Chris Brown

With responsibility for:

- Housing Strategy
- Housing Partnerships
- Affordable Housing Enabling
- HRA Housing Planning and Delivery
- Housing Regeneration (North Taunton Woolaway Project)
- Low Carbon affordable homes standard (new build)