Chief Executive & Extended Leadership Team



Arthur Charvonia
Chief Executive



Kathy Nixon
Deputy Chief Executive



Tom Barker
Chief Operating Officer

Heads of Service:
Joanna Cordingley - HR & OD
Jonathan Ward – Climate Change & Nature Recovery



Ceri Theobald
Director of Housing
Heads of Service:
Amma Antwi-Yeboah - Housing Solutions
Jane Branch - Housing Repairs & Maintenance
Richard Spencer - Building Safety & Compliance
Louise Tully - Housing Transformation



Mark Emms
Director of Operations
Heads of Service:
Sharon Bayliss - Public Realm and Parking Services
Oliver Faiers - Recycling, Waste & Fleet
Tracy Howard - Public Protection
Paul Hughes - Building Control
Also reporting:
Ben Wilding - JEPU District Emergency Planning Manager



Dee O'Rourke
Director of Place
Heads of Service:
Michelle Gordon – Economy & Business
Robert Hobbs – Strategic Planning – Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans & Community Infrastructure Levy
Philip Isbell – Planning - Development Management, Heritage & Enforcement
Vicky Moseley – Communities, Health & Leisure
Also reporting:
Carl Welham - Interim Stakeholder and Engagement Lead, Local Plan



Emily Atack
Director of Property, Development & Regeneration
Managing Director of CIFCO Capital Ltd & Gateway 14 Ltd
Heads of Service:
Holly Brett - Head of Development & Strategic Property
Lee Carvell - Head of Regeneration & Projects
Also reporting:
Sarah Ford - Company Secretary & Executive Assistant
Caroline Haynes - Interim Programme Manager, Stowmarket Innovation Gateway, Innovation & Skills



Melissa Evans
Director of Finance & Procurement
Heads of Service:
Katrina Browning - Procurement
David Feveyear-Ward - Finance
Amy Mayes - Shared Revenues Partnership (housing benefit & council tax reduction scheme)
John Payne - Shared Revenues Partnership (business rates & council tax)



Samantha Lake
Director of Customers, Vulnerabilities and Governance
Heads of Service:
Phillipa Alston - Customer Experience
Christine Flittner - Legal Services
Peter Randall - Democratic Services
John Snell - Internal Audit



Sara Wilcock
Director of Corporate Services and Local Government Reorganisation
Heads of Service:
David Connors – LLPG, Land Charges and Electoral Services
Matthew Harding - ICT & Programme Management
Jo Hobbs - Strategic Policy, Performance, Insight & Risk
Brad Jones - Communications & Engagement

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