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## AMBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### CABINET PORTFOLIO DESCRIPTIONS

Municipal Year 2026 — Ambridge District Council

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#### Portfolio Holders 2026

Following the Annual Meeting of the Council on 1 May 2026, the Leader of the Council, Councillor James Whitmore, appointed the following Cabinet with the portfolio responsibilities set out below.

Leader of the Council — Cllr James Whitmore

Portfolio: Finance, Corporate Strategy, and Policy

Responsibilities:

Overall strategic leadership and corporate governance of the Council

Revenue and Capital Budget, Council Tax, and Medium Term Financial Strategy

Corporate performance management and service improvement

Human resources, organisational development, and equalities

ICT and digital transformation

External relations, partnerships, and regional representation

Press and communications

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Deputy Leader — Cllr Sarah Collins

Portfolio: Housing and Planning

Responsibilities:

Housing strategy, homelessness prevention, and housing allocations

Development management (planning applications)

Local plan and spatial planning policy

Building control and land charges

Private sector housing, empty properties, and housing enforcement

Shared ownership, affordable housing, and housing association liaison

Portfolio Holder: Economic Development — Cllr David Hughes

Responsibilities:

Economic development and inward investment strategy

Town centre management and regeneration

Markets, car parks, and commercial properties

Tourism and visitor economy

Business support, enterprise zones, and skills

Countryside management and rights of way

Portfolio Holder: Environment & Climate Change — Cllr Rachel Mwangi

Responsibilities:

Waste collection and recycling services

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Street cleansing and grounds maintenance

Climate emergency action plan and carbon reduction

Environmental health and licensing

Pest control and dog warden services

Flood risk management and drainage

Green spaces and biodiversity

Portfolio Holder: Community Safety & Public Health — Cllr Tariq Ahmed

Responsibilities:

Community safety partnership and crime reduction

CCTV and anti-social behaviour

Domestic abuse prevention and safeguarding

Public health commissioning and health inequalities

Drug and alcohol services

Emergency planning and civil contingencies

Portfolio Holder: Children's Services & Education — Cllr Linda Forsythe

Responsibilities:

Statutory children's social care (safeguarding, looked-after children, leaving care)

Early years, childcare, and Sure Start

Schools admissions and performance

Special educational needs and disability (SEND)

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Youth services and positive activities for young people

Portfolio Holder: Adult Social Care — Cllr Peter Okafor

Responsibilities:

Adult social care needs assessment and care management

Residential and domiciliary care commissioning

Support for carers

Mental health services liaison

Learning disability and autism services

Direct payments and personalisation

Portfolio Holder: Leisure, Culture & Tourism — Cllr Fiona Blake

Responsibilities:

Leisure centres, swimming pools, and sports facilities

Libraries and archive services

Arts, theatre, and cultural programmes

Parks and outdoor recreation

Events and festivals

Tourism and heritage

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