

**LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ANNUAL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016**

Madam Mayor

I rise to announce some changes to Cabinet in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

Councillor Meg Davis will be ceasing to hold a cabinet position in order to reduce the extent of the burden of her responsibility. Meg has done a fine job in carrying the considerable children's portfolio especially as a new member. She has gained the respect of those working with her and done a fine job for which I offer my sincere thanks. I am pleased to say that she has agreed to be nominated for a role outside Cabinet.

Councillor Robert Benham has agreed to move from his existing portfolio to Children's Services and it will now include the Apprenticeship programme.

The Environment Portfolio will be combined with Regulatory Services and held by Councillor Osman Dervish.

In place of Councillor Davis I am appointing two Deputy Cabinet members namely Councillor Joshua Chapman and Councillor Jason Frost who will each waive one half of the full cabinet responsibility allowance. Councillor Chapman will assist and work with Councillor Damian White in Housing but with particular responsibility for the Romford Housing Zone. Councillor Frost will assist and work with Councillor Dervish but with particular responsibility for the rolling out of the school parking scheme.

I propose also to vary the portfolio of Councillor Clarence Barrett by adding transformation and the client side of IT. I would like this to include the question of channel shift in order to ensure that as computer access to services is extended we ensure ease of use and that those members of our community who do not find this to be feasible for them can be accommodated in a sensitive way.

Thank you.