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## **DECISION BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP, Leader of the Council  
Julian Joinson, Member Services Manager

**Subject:** APPOINTMENT OF CABINET 2026-2027

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To determine the size of the Cabinet.
- 1.2 To appoint the members of the Cabinet.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 Under the Leader and Cabinet Executive model adopted by the Council, which came into effect on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011, the Leader of the Council is now responsible for determining the size of the Cabinet, appointing Members to Cabinet and allocating Portfolios.

### **3. Reasons for Decision**

- 3.1 These are set out in Paragraph 2 above.
- 3.2 The appointment of a designated statutory Deputy Leader and the allocation of portfolios or areas of responsibility to the Cabinet Members will be determined at a later date.

### **4. Decision**

- 4.1 That the Cabinet will comprise seven members.
- 4.2 That the members of my Cabinet are as follows:  
Councillors Vanessa Alexander, Jodi Clements, Paul Cox, Melissa Fisher, Clare Pritchard and Kate Walsh
- 4.3 That Councillor Melissa Fisher be appointed as statutory Deputy Leader.

Decision made by:

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**Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP**  
**Leader of the Council**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

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## LABOUR CABINET MEMBERSHIP AND PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES 2026/27

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP	<p><b>Leader of the Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for the Council's strategic and corporate direction</li> <li>• Park &amp; Open Spaces / Sports Development</li> <li>• Planning &amp; Transportation</li> <li>• Local Government Reorganisation</li> <li>• Asset management and maintenance</li> <li>• Business Forum &amp; Sustainability Working Group Oversight</li> </ul>
<p>Councillor Melissa Fisher (Deputising for the Leader of the Council)</p> <p>(Statutory deputy for the purposes of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007)</p>	<p><b>Deputy Leader of the Council Housing and Regeneration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Liaison with housing associations and private sector housing providers</li> <li>• Health and social care</li> <li>• Licensing</li> <li>• Renewal and Regeneration</li> <li>• Leisure in Hyndburn</li> </ul>
Councillor Vanessa Alexander	<p><b>Deputy Leader of the Council Resources and Council Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance and the budget process</li> <li>• IT</li> <li>• Audit function</li> <li>• Human resources and organisational development</li> <li>• Revenues and Benefits Service</li> <li>• Customer focus</li> </ul>
Councillor Clare Pritchard	<p><b>Transformation and Town Centres</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levelling Up Fund – Project Completion</li> <li>• Town Centre Masterplan</li> </ul>

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accrington Town Centre &amp; Market Hall Project</li> <li>• Community Safety</li> <li>• Police &amp; Crime Commissioner Liaison</li> </ul>
Councillor Jodi Clements	<p><b>Communities, Education and Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children, Young People &amp; Families</li> <li>• Older People &amp; Vulnerable Adults</li> <li>• Community Wealth Building</li> <li>• Education Skills</li> <li>• Employment and Worklessness</li> <li>• Community &amp; Voluntary Sector Liaison</li> </ul>
Councillor Paul Cox	<p><b>Environmental Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Health</li> <li>• CVMU</li> <li>• Grounds maintenance</li> <li>• Waste management and enforcement</li> <li>• Refuse and recycling collections</li> <li>• Street cleaning</li> <li>• Pest Control</li> <li>• Cemeteries and crematoria</li> <li>• Health and Safety</li> </ul>
Councillor Kate Walsh	<p><b>Culture, Heritage and Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOME</li> <li>• Events</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Prospects</li> <li>• Tourism</li> </ul>