

New leader announces Babergh cabinet changes

Babergh's leader has announced changes to the cabinet - with new portfolios created to help deliver the administration's action plan.

Cllr Deborah Saw has detailed the new-look cabinet following her election as council leader last month.

The newly created Climate Change, Nature Recovery and Biodiversity portfolio places a renewed focus on the council's environmental targets, as outlined in [Our Plan for Babergh](#). **Cllr Helen Davies** takes on this cabinet role, which will also spearhead sustainable travel.

Cllr Daniel Potter becomes cabinet member for Thriving Communities, with responsibility for strong and safe communities, health, wellbeing, sport and leisure.

Cllr Saw's People and Place portfolio will now cover waste and recycling, public realm, local energy infrastructure plans and public protection.

Cllr Dave Busby remains on cabinet as deputy leader, and will be on the JLP Working Group, while **Cllr John Ward** continues as Finance, Assets and Investment cabinet member and deputy leader.

Continuing to improve Babergh's council housing for tenants remains a top priority, and housing cabinet member **Cllr Jessie Carter** will now also be supported by **Cllr Ruth Hendry** in a shadow role.

Meanwhile, three portfolios have changed name:

- Babergh's former Planning portfolio is now 'Heritage, Planning and Infrastructure' – mirroring Mid Suffolk - with **Cllr Sallie Davies** continuing as cabinet member.
- Economic Growth becomes Sustainable Economy, with **Cllr Derek Davis** remaining portfolio holder.
- And Customers, Digital Transformation and Improvement is renamed Performance and Resilience, still led by cabinet member **Cllr Alastair McCraw**.

"These changes will ensure further focus on the administration's priorities," Cllr Saw said. "We will continue to work closely with officers and all councillors to deliver innovative solutions to the challenges we face."

She outlined the [action plan last month](#), saying it was time to "rethink, rebuild and repair."

Babergh District Council Cabinet – June 2024

- **People and Place**
Cllr Deborah Saw (Leader)
- **Finance, Assets and Investment**
Cllr John Ward (Deputy leader)
- **Cabinet Member Without Portfolio**
Cllr Dave Busby (Deputy leader)
- **Performance and Resilience**
Cllr Alastair McCraw
- **Thriving Communities**
Cllr Daniel Potter
- **Sustainable economy**
Cllr Derek Davis
- **Housing**
Cllr Jessie Carter (shadow Cllr Ruth Hendry)
- **Heritage, Planning and Infrastructure**
Cllr Sallie Davies
- **Climate Change, Nature Recovery and Biodiversity**
Cllr Helen Davies

