# ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – MODEL JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DEPUTIES TO CABINET MEMBERS

### **Purpose**

To assist and work with the designated Cabinet Member with their responsibility for allocated portfolios.

# **Duties and Responsibilities**

- 1. To assist the designated Cabinet Member in shaping and developing the strategic priorities of the Council as it relates to the allocated portfolio.
- 2. To assist the designated Cabinet Member in monitoring performance in specified areas relating to the allocated portfolio.
- 3. Where appropriate and where permissible under the Council's Constitution to represent the designated Cabinet Member at meetings or visits.

### **Skills Required**

#### **Basic**

- 1. To show good communication and interpersonal skills.
- 2. To show the ability to analyse and grasp complex issues.

# **Developmental**

- 3. To develop a good understanding of how local and national government operates.
- 4. To develop a clear understanding of the operation of the Council and ability to contribute to the work of the Cabinet generally.
- 5. To develop skills in chairing meetings and facilitating open discussion.