

# Corporate Leadership Team

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer)



**Dean Langton**

- Overall responsibility for running the Council on a day-to-day basis
- Responsible for staff and performance
- Main link between councillors & staff
- Principal policy adviser to the Council and Executive
- Represents the Council's interests externally
- Lead on the development of effective partnerships
- Leisure Client Management

## DIRECTOR OF PLACE



**Phillip Spurr**

- Economic Development
- Regeneration
- Inward Investment
- Housing Strategy and Delivery
- JV Oversight

## DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

(s.151)



**Karen Spencer**

- Strategic Finance
- Governance
- Climate Change



**Asst. Director OPERATIONAL SERVICES**  
David Walker

- Waste Management
- Street Cleansing
- Refuse Collection & Recycling
- Landscape Maintenance
- Bereavement Services
- Environmental Crime
- Parks, Sports & Green Spaces
- Countryside Access
- Emergency Planning
- Health and Safety



**Head of ECONOMIC GROWTH**  
Iftikhar Bokhari

- Economic Development
- Regeneration
- Tourism
- Nelson Town Deal
- Nelson Pride in Place



**Head of HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**  
Sarah Whitwell

- Housing Strategy
- Housing Needs
- Environmental Health (Housing)
- Environmental Health (Commercial)
- Town Hall Service Support



**Asst. Director PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL & REGULATORY SERVICES**  
Neil Watson

- Planning Policy
- Development Management
- Building Control
- Conservation
- Tree Preservation
- Planning Enforcement
- Licensing (Taxi and Legal)



**Head of POLICY & PARTNERSHIPS**  
Sarah Astin-Wood

- Policy
- Communications
- Contract Management (Liberata client)
- Performance
- Community Safety



**Asst. Director HR & ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE**  
Jane McDonnell

- Human Resources
- Learning & Development
- Organisational change
- LGR Lead
- Programme Support
- Leisure Client Management



**Head of PROPERTY & ENGINEERING**  
Phil Kirby

- Corporate Property
- Facilities Management
- Office Cleaning
- Estates & Asset Management
- Markets
- Climate Change
- Engineering



**Head of FINANCE**  
Gemma-Louise Wells

- Financial Services
- Procurement
- Revenues & Benefits



**Head of LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**  
(Monitoring Officer)  
Howard Culshaw

- Legal Services
- Land Charges
- Democratic Services
- Caretaking
- Mayoralty
- Elections
- Governance