

Derek Bateman – Local Authority Member

Derek is a member of Audit, Remuneration and Selection Committees and Service Improvement Panel. He is the Authority lead member for Ellesmere Port Neighbourhood Policing Unit. He is also a member of the Capital Monitoring Group, and a Member of the Cheshire combined Fire Authority.

Derek started his career as a mechanical engineer and worked for Vauxhall Motors at Ellesmere Port for 17 years. He has been involved in Local Government since 1974, initially as a Member of Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council. He was elected to serve on the County Council in 1977 and represents Ellesmere Port. He was elected Leader of the County Council in 1998, following Local Government re-organisation. He has been Leader of the Opposition on the County Council since 2001.

Derek is currently a member of the Local Government Association's Environment and Regeneration Executive. He is Chairman of the LGA Public Transport Consortium Special Interest Group. He was elected a Fellow of the Institution of Highways and Transportation in 1992.

Derek was Chairman of the North West Regional Assembly from 2000 to 2001 and Vice Chairman from 1999 to 2000. He was Vice Chairman of the Assembly's Knowledge Economy Key Priority Group from 1996 to 2004, a member of the LGA's E-Governance Task Group; Chairman of the County Councils Network (CCN) E-Governance Task Group and is currently Chairman of the CCN Labour Group and Chief Whip for the LGA Labour Group.

Derek was elected as a member representing Central & Westminster Ward for the Cheshire West and Chester Shadow Authority in May 2008 where he has been elected the Leader of the Labour Group and Leader of the Opposition.