

DEPUTY GREEN PARTY LEADER

KEY PURPOSE

The key purpose of the Green Party Deputy Leader is to provide essential support across various critical areas, including aiding election candidates, representing the party externally, communicating party campaigns, shaping political strategy, participating in key committees, maintaining relationships with staff, and boosting morale among regional and local parties.

ACCOUNTABILITY

As the Green Party Executive (GPEx) is responsible and liable for the governance and functioning of the organisation, members are accountable in varying degrees to a variety of stakeholders, including members the Green Party Regional Council (GPRC) and each other.

Furthermore, GPEx members should take a lead on building public trust and confidence in the Party's work through demonstrating good practice and good governance, taking into consideration the wider implications of the decisions they make, and to communicate widely the reasons behind such decisions or actions.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTY DEPUTY LEADER

SUPPORTING ELECTION CANDIDATES

Supporting candidates and local parties in key elections and campaigns

REPRESENTING THE PARTY EXTERNALLY

Representing the party and its policies in the media and through other national platforms and campaigns.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communicating Party campaigns, priorities and achievements to Party members.

POLITICAL STRATEGY

Taking a leading role in developing political strategy.

GPEX COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Party Deputy Leader is a member of Political Committee.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF

The Party Deputy Leader has extensive contact with staff in Party Office and elsewhere, especially press staff, and has specific staff support with diary arrangements.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE GREEN PARTY

The Party Deputy Leader may choose to spend a significant amount of time visiting Regional and Local Parties as the role is important for morale at all levels of the Green Party.

RELATIONSHIPS OUTSIDE THE GREEN PARTY

The Deputy Leader develops close working relationships with organisations outside the Green Party, including media, NGOs, other political parties and other organisations as required. It is essential that the Deputy Leader is able to maintain cordial and constructive relationships with those organisations.

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Extensive experience of TV, radio and press work, public speaking and debating.
- Excellent understanding of Green Party short and long-term policy and political strategy.
- Good short-term availability
- Good speaking and debating skills
- Experience of running successful election campaigns
- Experience of developing political and campaigning strategies
- Determination, toughness, resilience, self-confidence
- Tact and diplomacy under pressure

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please note the following from the Constitution, Section 8:

There shall be a leader and two deputy leaders of the party. The leader shall be a voting member of the Executive and the deputy leaders be treated as a job-share.

The post of deputy leader will be held as a job share with two individuals of a different gender, noting that gender is self-determined.

Two members of a different gender may together stand for the office of Leader in order to hold the post as a job share in which case they shall be known as 'Co-Leaders'. In this case a single Deputy, the individual who polls the highest vote, regardless of gender, will be elected. Members standing to be Co-Leaders may not simultaneously be candidates as individuals for either Leader or Deputy Leader.

If there are two deputy leaders, should one of the deputy leaders resign, there will be a by-election for both deputy leaders.

In the event of the suspension or resignation of the Leader, the Deputy Leader(s) shall have the position of Acting Leader until a new election has taken place.

Please note the following motion which was passed by Autumn Conference 2015

"Conference resolves that the Deputy Leaders of the party should be offered financial support in the form of an allowance, in order to allow them to perform their duties as fully as required by the Constitution. Where the Deputy Leaders are also full time politicians, this allowance will not be paid.

"Conference requests that GPEx put in place the necessary arrangements and set the allowance at a level that is both practical and affordable."

If any Deputy wishes to, or is only able to, carry out their Leadership duties part-time, they may receive a pro-rata allowance, subject to a decision by GPEx. It is expected that in the case of two deputies, the allowance of one deputy will not affect the allowance of the other. Both shall be afforded the same status regardless of working hours/pay. The final decision on allowance amounts rests with GPEx, who may, in exceptional circumstances, wish to pay a full allowance for part-time hours. No Deputy is obliged to take their allowance.

BEHAVIOURAL STANDARDS

All members of GPEx are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct and operate in a way that upholds the Values of the Party and supports the Philosophical Basis on which it is built.

ROLE DESCRIPTION REVIEW

This role description is reviewed at the end of the first year of each 2 year term, and in advance of every election.

- Last review date: **May 2025**