

<b>PARTY DEPUTY LEADER</b>
<b>SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTY DEPUTY LEADER</b>
<b>Supporting Election Candidates:</b> Supporting candidates and local parties in key elections and campaigns
<b>Representing the Party Externally:</b> Representing the party and its policies in the media and through other national platforms and campaigns.
<b>Communications:</b> Communicating Party campaigns, priorities and achievements to Party members.
<b>Political Strategy:</b> Taking a leading role in developing political strategy.
<b>GPEX Committee Responsibilities:</b> The Party Leader is a member of Political Committee.
<b>Relationships With Staff:</b> 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.
<b>Relationships With Other Parts of the Green Party:</b> 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.
<b>Relationships Outside the Green Party:</b> 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.
<b>Skills, Knowledge and Experience REQUIRED</b>
<p>Extensive experience of TV, radio and press work, public speaking and debating.</p> <p>Excellent understanding of Green Party short and long-term policy and political strategy.</p> <p>Good short-term availability</p> <p>Good speaking and debating skills</p> <p>Experience of running successful election campaigns</p> <p>Experience of developing political and campaigning strategies</p> <p>Determination, toughness, resilience, self-confidence</p> <p>Tact and diplomacy under pressure</p>
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>

**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 jobshare 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 byelection 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.”

Deputy Leaders currently each receive an allowance based on the London Living Wage for a 37.5 hour working week (including provision for 28 days of paid leave per annum).

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.

**Role description review**

***This job description is reviewed at the end of the first year of each 2 year term.***

*Last Review Date:*

**31/5/16**