## BEXLEY LABOUR GROUP PRESS RELEASE



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## Bexley Labour Group has a new Leader

Bexley's Labour Group of councillors have announced their new Leader and frontbench team for the 2021/22 municipal year.

At last night's annual council meeting, Cllr Stefano Borella officially became the Leader of Labour Group with Cllr Wendy Perfect remaining Deputy Leader of the Labour Group.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Stefano Borella said "I am proud to serve as Leader of the opposition and look forward to leading the Group into next year's elections - to highlight the difference a Labour Council will make over a Conservative Council that have done nothing to deal with the housing crisis in Bexley"

He also paid tribute to his predecessor Cllr Daniel Francis who has stood down after four years of leading Bexley Labour Group.

Cllr Borella said "I would like to thanks Daniel for his hard work over many years for the Labour Party in Bexley. I class Daniel as a true friend and I wish him and his family all the best for future, as well as in his new frontbench role."

Cllr Daniel Francis said "I'd like to place on record my thanks to our council officers and our voluntary groups for all they do to support our borough and have done to support me in the role as Leader of the Opposition. I could not have done the job without the support of my fellow Labour councillor colleagues and I remain indebted to them for their support and encouragement. I know all members of the Labour Group wish Stefano all the very best in his new role as Group Leader and in leading us into next year's council elections."

## Bexley Labour's new front bench team is made up of:

Cllr Stefano Borella, Leader - Corporate Policy

Cllr Wendy Perfect, Deputy Leader – Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Children's Services & Education

Cllr Daniel Francis, Places - Environment, Transport & Leisure

Cllr Nicola Taylor, Communities – Community Safety, Equalities, Health & Housing Allocations

Cllr Joe Ferreira, Resources, Regeneration & Growth