

Roger Gough, Leader of Kent County Council

Roger Gough became Leader of Kent County Council in October 2019. Roger has served as the Member for Darent Valley – now Sevenoaks North and Darent Valley – since 2005 and previously held the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education as well as other Cabinet roles since 2006.

Roger sits on the Local Government Association's Children and Young People Board and chairs the South East Strategic Partnership for Migration Board. Roger also has a strong record of national politics through work for think tanks such as the Policy Exchange and Localis.

Before entering local government, Roger worked in investment banking for sixteen years, including living and working in Japan for three years. He has written widely on policy issues and is the author of two books.