



Responsibilities of Portfolio Leads for the AYM

Members of the AYM Executive (officers, regional representatives and additional board members) also hold portfolio lead for issues on a thematic basis.

Agreement of the Executive that holds which portfolio is generally achieved by the particular expertise, knowledge and interest of the portfolio lead, ensuring the topic is given vigorous attention.

Portfolio leads are an important communication asset for the AYM, providing the Executive, membership and external stakeholders with a key contact to enable:

- issues to be raised on a particular topic,
- requests of consultations to be drafted,
- the view of the AYM to be shared.

Developing Where We Stand Statements: It is the responsibility of the portfolio lead to support the development of these, together with all members of the Executive and that these statements take account of the best practice for their portfolio.

Providing information to members and other stakeholders: As representatives of the AYM, portfolio leads must ensure that they represent the views of the AYM, rather their own view, or that of their YOT or local partnership.

Developing the AYM Strategic Plan: It is the responsibility of portfolio leads to ensure that the AYM Strategic Plan includes any objectives required to support improvements in their subject matter area. Portfolio leads are also required to ensure that any objectives in the plan take account of their portfolio.

Delivering the AYM Strategic Plan: Dependent on the content of the Strategic Plan, portfolio leads may be responsible for delivering particular elements of the plan and for ensuring the Plan is updated regularly and at least in readiness for each Executive Board meeting.

Providing information and comment to the media: On occasion requests for comment are made to the AYM from the media. In these circumstances it is generally the chair or vice chair that will respond. However, any such response may require support from the portfolio lead for the topic being considered.