

**Councillor Ric Pallister OBE**  
**Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Housing, Environmental Health,**  
**Social Inclusion and Revenue and Benefits at South Somerset District**  
**Council**

Since being elected to the Council in 1999 Ric has specialised in housing and accommodation issues. His key areas of focus are Development, Supported Housing services and Multi-agency working. Nationally he has been involved in Gypsy and Traveller issues through the LGA and has worked with the IDeA on their Strategic Housing Leadership programme. Ric is also the lead member on a Countywide partnership that has seen 5 Local Authorities commit to procuring a single Housing IT system and implementing common housing services and Choice Based Lettings, based on one set of policies and procedures. South Somerset is an LSVT authority providing its own Housing Advice and Homelessness service but working closely with their RSL partners on development and housing management issues.