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**Welcome by the Municipality of Leeuwarden**

### **Alderman Sjoerd Feitsma**

**Portfolios: Finance, Cultural Cooperation, and Urban and Regional Marketing, Municipal Council of Leeuwarden, the Netherlands**



Alderman Feitsma's career began with a law degree from the University of Groningen and a subsequent position as Legal Advisor for the management and maintenance of infrastructure projects in Rijkswaterstaat, Northern Netherlands, from 2007 to 2010. The following eight years saw him serve as a Labor Party Councillor in Leeuwarden since 2006 and Group Chairman since 2008.

As a Senior Project Lawyer advising the Ministry of Infrastructure & the Environment from 2010 - 2014, Sjoerd served as the legal and administrative advisor for infrastructure projects including the optimisation of the Wadden Sea.

Having found his niche in the areas of sustainability and development of the environment and culture in and around Leeuwarden, Sjoerd was elected as Alderman in January 2014 with his portfolios now including Finance, Cultural Cooperation, and Urban and Regional Marketing.

Assisting the Mayor and five other Aldermen that constitute the Municipal Council of Leeuwarden, the Councillors collectively carry out the day to day management of the Municipality, including devising and financing the plans and policies for the city, as well as independently implementing the laws and regulations from the Central Government and the Province of Fryslân.