

Local government functions & responsibilities

This section sets out where responsibilities lie for specific functions between the three tiers of local government. Please note that both the county and district functions are discharged by single authorities in the case of metropolitan district councils and unitary councils.

County Councils

District Councils

Parish Councils

Monitoring Officer for County Members only

Monitoring Officer
Ethics & Probity for District & Parish Members

Education

Most schools

Special education

Nursery, adult, community

Personal Social Services
Securing provision for the elderly, children and those with disabilities (including social care and health and residential care) Inspection Services

Housing

Management and maintenance of council houses

Working with Housing Associations (known as Registered Social Landlords) Housing advice

Renovation grants

Homelessness

Unfit housing

Residential care

Clocks

Cemeteries and Burials, Crematoria

Closed Churchyards Burials/Cemeteries

Planning

Strategic planning/structure plans

Planning

Local Development Framework Development control (Planning applications and enforcement)

Advertising consent

Historic buildings

Planning – as consultees

Minerals and waste planning
Historic buildings

Conservation areas
Tree preservation

Highways/Transport

Public transport
Highways and parking
Traffic management
Footpaths and bridleways
Transport planning
Street lighting

Highways/Transport

Unclassified roads
Off-street car parking
Traffic management
Footpaths and bridleways
Road safety
Local transport plans
Street lighting
Street naming

Bus shelters

War and other memorials

Street lighting

Emergency Planning

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Recreation

Parks and open spaces
Support for the arts
Archives and Record Office
Museums/Art Galleries

Recreation

Parks, open spaces and halls
Swimming pools and leisure centres
Support for the arts
Museums and art galleries

Public Open Spaces

Village Halls

Playing fields

Museums and the Arts

Economic Development

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Tourism Development

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Environmental Services

Refuse disposal

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Refuse collection/street cleansing
Recycling

Recycling
Gypsy sites
Trading Standards

Management of travellers/gypsy sites
Food safety
Public conveniences
Markets
Dog and pest control
Noise abatement
Health & Safety
Seats
Licensing

Litter bins and litter clearance
Local charities
Markets
Public seating
Licensing – as consultees

Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths

Allotments

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Library & Information Service

Electoral Registration/Elections

Council Tax and Business Rate collection

Grants to voluntary bodies

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Help with Lottery Applications

Community Planning

**Community Planning Community Safety (anti-social
behaviour, alcohol byelaws)**