



Your Councillors your local voice

Local Councillors are the people you elect, usually every four years, to represent your interests in local affairs. Each Councillor represents a small area, or ward, and its inhabitants. The Borough has 26 such wards with either one, two or three Councillors representing each.

There are 56 Councillors in total in the Borough of Stockton.



Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Following the elections that took place in May 2011, the current political parties/associations represented are: Billingham Independent Association, Conservative Party, Ingleby Barwick Independent Society, Labour Party, Liberal Democrat Party and Thornaby Independent Association.

All Councillors arrange regular 'Ward Surgeries', where you can drop in without an appointment to informally discuss problems or other matters concerning your neighbourhood.

For more information about ward surgeries ring 01642 526192. Details are published in every issue of Stockton News and on our website - www.stockton.gov.uk

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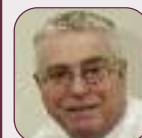
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Children & Young People: Councillor Mrs McCoy
Corporate Management & Finance: Councillor Harrington

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Key	Note: Phone numbers are home numbers.
BIA	Billingham Independent Association
Con	Conservative
IBIS	Ingleby Barwick Independent Society
Lab	Labour
Lib Dem	Liberal Democrats
TIA	Thornaby Independent Association

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- Cllr Jim Beall - Roseworth
- Cllr Derrick Brown - Stainsby Hill
- Cllr Mark Chatburn - Yarm
- Cllr Julia Cherrett - Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree
- Cllr Carol Clark - Grangefield
- Cllr Michael Clark - Grangefield
- Cllr David Coleman - Stockton Town Centre
- Cllr Nigel Cooke - Hardwick
- Cllr Bob Cook - Norton South
- Cllr Gillian Corr- Ingleby Barwick East
- Cllr Evaline Cunningham - Billingham East
- Cllr Ian Dalgarno - Village
- Cllr Phil Dennis - Eaglescliffe
- Cllr Ken Dixon - Ingleby Barwick West
- Cllr Mick Eddy - Village
- Cllr Kevin Faulks - Ingleby Barwick East
- Cllr John Gardner - Northern Parishes
- Cllr Bob Gibson - Newtown
- Cllr David Harrington - Ingleby Barwick West
- Cllr Ben Houchen - Yarm
- Cllr Barbara Inman - Roseworth
- Cllr Mohammed Javed - Parkfield & Oxbridge
- Cllr Eileen Johnson - Norton South
- Cllr Elliot Kennedy - Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree
- Cllr Jean Kirby - Ingleby Barwick East
- Cllr Paul Kirton - Stockton Town Centre
- Cllr Terry Laing - Hartburn
- Cllr Tina Large - Mandale & Victoria
- Cllr Colin Leckonby - Billingham North
- Cllr Alan Lewis Eaglescliffe
- Cllr Ken Lupton - Hartburn
- Cllr Ray McCall - Billingham North
- Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy - Billingham Central
- Cllr Mrs Kathryn Nelson - Norton North
- Cllr Steve Nelson - Norton North
- Cllr Jean O'Donnell - Billingham South
- Cllr Ross Patterson - Ingleby Barwick West
- Cllr Maurice Perry - Fairfield
- Cllr Maureen Rigg - Eaglescliffe
- Cllr David Rose - Parkfield & Oxbridge
- Cllr Andrew Sherris - Yarm
- Cllr Mike Smith - Billingham South
- Cllr Andrew Stephenson - Western Parishes
- Cllr Norma Stephenson - Hardwick
- Cllr Mick Stoker - Billingham East
- Cllr Tracey Stott - Mandale & Victoria
- Cllr Steve Walmsley - Mandale & Victoria
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- Cllr Norma Wilburn - Norton West
- Cllr Mary Womphrey - Billingham West
- Cllr Mick Womphrey - Billingham West
- Cllr Bill Woodhead - Fairfield
- Cllr Barry Woodhouse - Billingham Central

How decisions are made - the Council's Cabinet & Committees

The way Council decisions in Stockton are made reflects in many ways that used in Westminster.

In the same way that MPs are involved in national decision-making, the most important decisions locally are taken by Councillors, each elected by local people. Councillors rely on advice from professional Council officers, who then have the task of implementing their decisions. In some cases, officers are also able to make routine decisions on day-to-day matters within guidelines delegated by Councillors.

Council Meetings

Major Council policies and strategies are set at meetings of all 56 elected Councillors at Stockton Town Hall, which take place ten times a year. For example, the full Council must agree the Council Plan for the next three year period, setting out the Council's key improvement plans which contribute to the Borough's Community Strategy. Councillors may also debate a wide variety of topical issues.

Meetings of the full Council are open to the public and include a public question time. Questions need to be submitted in advance (at least five working days).

Decisions on how to implement these policies are made by a nine strong **Cabinet** of Councillors which meets every four weeks. It is able to plan services and take decisions which affect a broad range of services.

The Cabinet is made up of the Leader of the Council and eight other councillors, each responsible for a particular area of work and most Cabinet meetings take place at Stockton Central Library.

Cabinet decisions (and key decisions by officers) are subject to examination by the Council's Executive **Scrutiny Committee**. Seven **Select Committees** also play an important part in this process. Each has a particular area of expertise and monitors and evaluates the way in which the Council works and the ways in which its policies are being implemented and developed.

There are also a small number of other committees and panels which are of a statutory nature (eg **Planning Committee** and **Licensing Committee**). In addition, an independently chaired Standards Committee encourages and promotes high standards of conduct within the Authority.

Dates and times of all these meetings can be found at all branch libraries, at www.stockton.gov.uk and at Municipal Buildings, Stockton, where copies of agendas and minutes can also be seen.

Anyone is welcome at Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings, although you may be asked to leave when certain confidential items are discussed.

For more information on the Council's democratic system, please call 01642 526193

