

A-Z of Councillors

- Cllr Helen Atkinson - Billingham West
- Cllr Sonia Bailey - Mandale & Victoria
- Cllr Paul Baker - Newtown
- Cllr Louise Baldock - Parkfield & Oxbridge
- Cllr Chris Barlow - Billingham North
- Cllr Jim Beall - Roseworth
- Cllr Derrick Brown - Stainsby Hill
- Cllr Julia Cherrett - Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree
- Cllr Carol Clark - Grangefield
- Cllr Chris Clough - Billingham West
- Cllr Nigel Cooke - Hardwick & Salters Lane
- 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 Kevin Faulks - Ingleby Barwick East
- Cllr John Gardner - Northern Parishes
- Cllr Lisa Grainge - Bishopsgarth & Elm Tree
- Cllr Lynn Hall - Hartburn
- Cllr Elsi Hampton - Yarm
- Cllr Tony Hampton - Yarm
- Cllr David Harrington - Ingleby Barwick West
- Cllr Di Hewitt - Stockton Town Centre
- Cllr Stefan Houghton - Eaglescliffe
- Cllr Barbara Inman - Roseworth
- Cllr Mohammed Javed - Parkfield & Oxbridge
- Cllr Eileen Johnson - Norton South
- Cllr Paul Kirton - Stockton Town Centre
- Cllr Ann McCoy - Billingham Central
- Cllr Mick Moore - Village
- Cllr Kathryn Nelson - Norton North
- Cllr Steve Nelson - Norton North
- Cllr Jean O'Donnell - Billingham South
- Cllr Lauriane Povey - Billingham North
- Cllr Ross Patterson - Ingleby Barwick West
- Cllr Maurice Perry - Fairfield
- Cllr Marilyn Surtees - Newtown
- Cllr Stephen Richardson - Grangefield
- Cllr Paul Rowling - Mandale & Victoria
- Cllr Mike Smith - Billingham South
- Cllr Andrew Stephenson - Western Parishes
- Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE - Hardwick & Salters Lane
- Cllr Mick Stoker - Billingham East
- Cllr Tracey Stott - Mandale & Victoria
- Cllr Laura Tunney - Eaglescliffe
- Cllr Matt Vickers - Hartburn
- Cllr Sylvia Walmsley - Stainsby Hill
- Cllr Sally Ann Watson - Ingleby Barwick East
- Cllr Paul Weston - Billingham North
- Cllr Julia Whitehill - Yarm
- Cllr David Wilburn - Norton West
- Cllr Norma Wilburn - Norton 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 those that are 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 seven working days).

Decisions on how to implement these policies are made by a seven strong **Cabinet** of Councillors which meet 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 six other Councillors, each responsible for a particular area of work and most Cabinet meetings take place at Stockton Central Library.

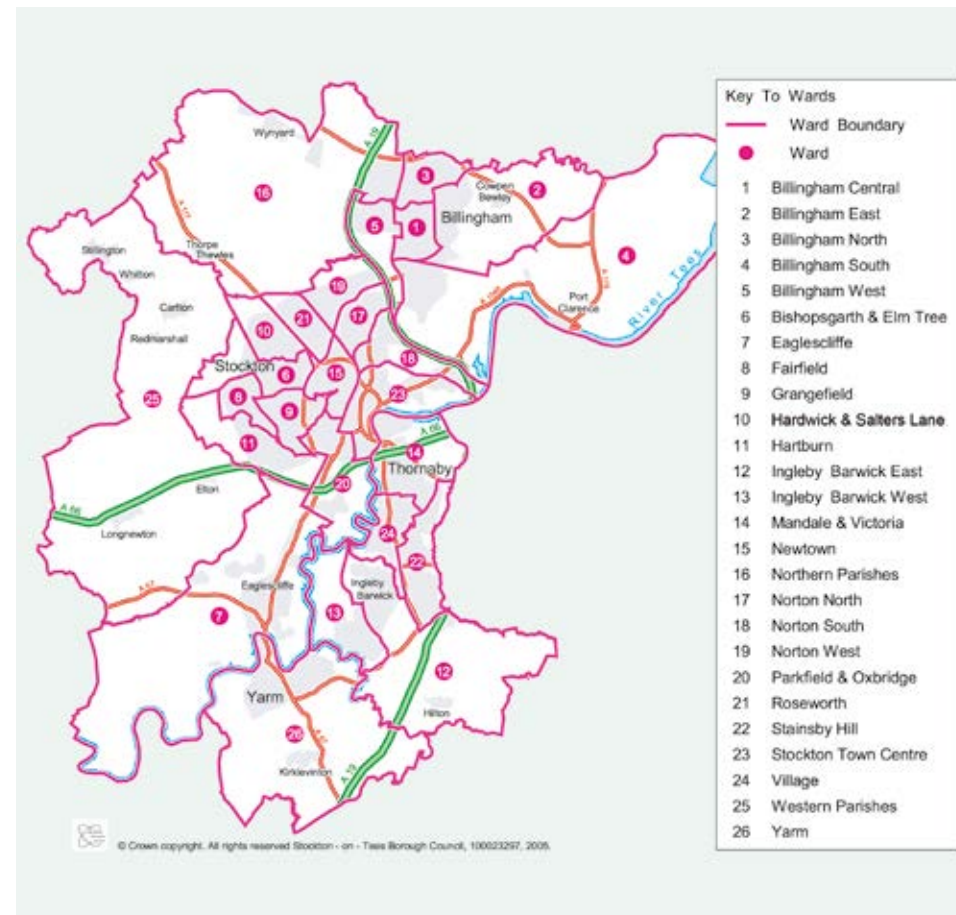
Cabinet decisions (and key decisions by officers) are subject to examination by the Council's **Executive Scrutiny Committee**. Five **Select Committees** also play an important part in this process. Each has a particular area of expertise and monitors and evaluates the way in which the Council works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

Dates and times of all these meetings can be found at all branch libraries, and at www.stockton.gov.uk 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



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.

The current political parties/associations represented are: Conservative Party, Ingleby Barwick Independent Society, Labour Party, Liberal Democrat Party, Thornaby Independent Association and West Words.

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/stocktoncouncil/councillorsandcouncilmeetings

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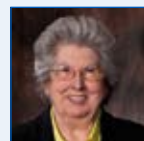
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Councillor Norma Wilburn

Regeneration & Housing:
Councillor Nigel Cooke

Children & Young People:
Councillor Ann McCoy

Environment & Transport:
Councillor Mike Smith