

Core information for councillors (1)

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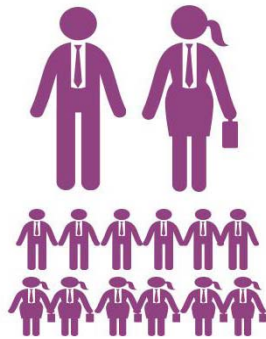
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County Councils in England



2,635
County councillors
nationwide



*37 county authorities
are responsible for*
£30 billion
of expenditure per year
on local services

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Key figures



Responsible for 40% of all local government expenditure



Home to 55% of the country's elderly population



Responsible for 90% of spending on local services



Covering 86% of England's landmass

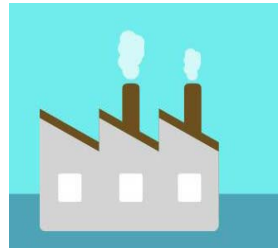
Why county councils matter



Maintain highways
&
rural roads



Build vital
infrastructure for
communities



Support local
economies and job
creation



Care for the elderly
and disabled



Protect vulnerable
young people



Oversee high
quality schools and
deliver school
places



Provide bus
services for
residents of all
ages



Deliver public
health services
and advice



Ensure decisions
and accountability
are both local



Provide fire and
rescue services

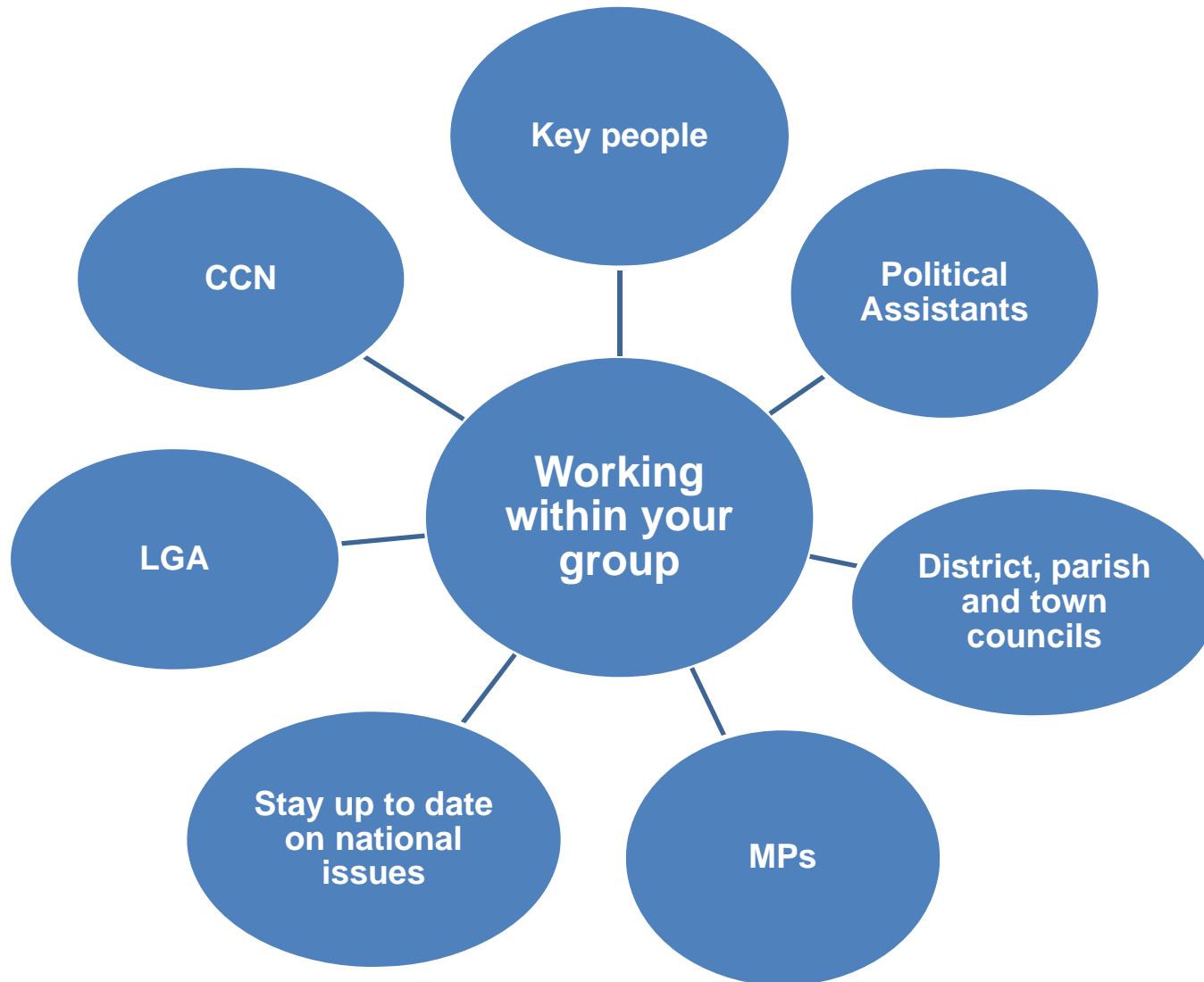
Helping you to know your patch



Helping you with your roles



Working within your group



Standards of behaviour

Councillors have to be able to balance the needs and interests of residents, voters, political parties and the council whilst acting fairly and within the law

- Nolan principles of public life
- Member Code of Conduct
- Declarations of interest
- Monitoring Officer
- Independent Persons
- At meetings
- Ambassador for GCC

How the council works

Members and officers working together in mutually respectful ways and in the best interests of the council and the county

- County Council – the place for political debate, policy framework and the budget
- Leader and the Cabinet – main decision makers
- Overview and Scrutiny – holding to account, policy review, policy development, non-political
- New structure, chairs and lead members, senior officer support, broad and shallow; narrow and deep
- Other committees (e.g. Planning)

County Council meetings

My first council meeting was a cross between my first day at school and attending church

- Strict rules and agenda
- The Chairman's word is final
- Member questions
- Motions
- Time limits
- Voting
- Points of order
- Corporate parenting pledge

Other useful information....

- Members' allowances
- Travel claims
- Members' Matter – online resource for members
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/membersmatter
Login: *dsu* password *members17*
- Pigeon holes – collect your post when you are in
- Post Wednesdays and Fridays (as required)
- Paperless meetings
- Members' car park
- Personal safety

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Any Questions ?