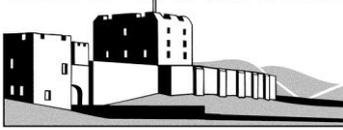


CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL



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How the council makes decisions

Council

All 52 Councillors meet together as the Council. Meetings of the Council are normally open to the public. The Council decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. Council will appoint the Leader for a four year term of office, the Leader will then nominate his/her Deputy Leader and Executive Portfolio Holders and delegates powers and responsibilities to them under the Leader's Scheme of Delegation. The Council also appoints committees, such as Development Control Committee, to carry out certain functions and holds the Executive to account for its actions by questioning Members of the Executive. Council also appoint Overview and Scrutiny Panels to review the decisions of the Executive and assist with the formulation of Policy.

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required Carlisle City Council to make changes to its governance and decision making arrangements in 2011. The changes that occurred can be viewed in the downloadable documents below.

Executive

The Executive is the part of the Council which is responsible for most day to day decisions. The Executive is made up of the Leader and Councillors whom he/she appoints to the Executive as Portfolio Holders. When major decisions are to be discussed or made, these are published in the Leader's [Notice of Executive Key Decisions](#)

The Executive meets every four weeks and the meetings are normally open to members of the public. The Executive has to make decisions which are in line with the Council's over all policies and budget. If it wishes to make a decision which is outside the budget or policy framework, this must be referred to the Council as a whole to decide.

Individual Portfolio Holder Decisions

Each Portfolio Holder is authorised to take non key decisions as set out in the Leaders Scheme of Delegation. The decisions taken by Portfolio Holders are published on the [Council's website](#).

Overview and Scrutiny

There are three Overview and Scrutiny Panels who support the work of the Executive and the Council as a whole. They allow citizens to have a greater say in Council matters by holding public inquiries into matters of local concern. These lead to reports and recommendations which advise the Executive and the Council as a whole on its policies, budget and service delivery. Overview and Scrutiny Panels also monitor the decisions of the Executive using a 'call in' process. This enables them to consider whether the decision is appropriate and they may recommend that the Executive reconsider the decision. They may also be consulted by the Executive or the Council on forthcoming decisions and the development of policy.

Officers Decisions

Certain officers of the Council have delegated authority under the Council's constitution to make certain decisions which are recorded to ensure openness and transparency in the Council's decision making.

To view decisions made by officers please use the links below:

Officer Decisions (link to

<http://cmis.carlisle.gov.uk/cmis/CouncilDecisions/OfficerDecisions.aspx>)

Planning Decisions delegated to the Director of Economic Development

<http://publicaccess.carlisle.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=weeklyList>

Licensing Decisions delegated to the Director of Governance

<http://www.carlisle.gov.uk/Business/Licences-and-Permits/public-registers>

Tree Preservation Orders delegated to the Director of Director of Economic Development

<http://www.carlisle.gov.uk/Residents/Planning-Building-Control/Heritage-Trees-and-Conservation/Trees-and-Woodland>