

## Our leadership

we are a member-led organisation



The Leaders' Committee is our main decision-making body. The committee includes the leaders of each London borough and the City of London. Leaders' Committee sets policy and takes decisions on the latest developments affecting London local government.

Our Executive acts as a forum for more detailed policy development and reports to the Leaders' Committee. The Executive is made up of 12 councillors broadly in proportion to the political party leadership of boroughs.

Our Grants Committee, comprising 33 councillors, one from each of London's local councils, oversees the London Boroughs Grants Scheme, set up under the 1985 Local Government Act. The grants programme is funded and governed by the 32 London boroughs and the City of London.

The Transport and Environment Committee (TEC), supports a range of high quality operational services such as parking and traffic appeals, the lorry control scheme, the Freedom Pass and Taxicard schemes. The committee deals with a wide array of issues, including congestion charging, CCTV camera traffic enforcement, waste, air quality, and public protection.

Details of committee meetings, including dates, membership, agendas and minutes are available on our website [www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/who-we-are/committees-and-networks](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/who-we-are/committees-and-networks)

## London

### Facts & Figures



#### POPULATION

LONDON IS THE MOST POPULOUS CITY IN EUROPE. IN 2015 LONDON'S POPULATION TOPPED **8.6** MILLION, AND IS FORECAST TO EXCEED **11** MILLION BY 2050



#### SOCIAL CARE

IN 2017/18 LONDON BOROUGH'S WILL SPEND **£3.84** BILLION ON ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE, 43% OF ALL SPENDING



#### SCHOOLS

LONDON'S SCHOOL AGE POPULATION IS FORECAST TO INCREASE BY **8%** OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, A LARGER INCREASE THAN ANY OTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY



#### HIV

MORE THAN **43%** OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE UK LIVING WITH HIV LIVE IN LONDON



#### HOMES

ACCORDING TO THE NEW DRAFT LONDON PLAN THE CAPITAL NEEDS **68,000** NEW HOMES A YEAR. THE CAPITAL IS CURRENTLY BUILDING AT AROUND A THIRD OF THAT RATE



#### ROADS

LONDON'S LOCAL COUNCILS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR **95%** OF THE CAPITAL'S ROADS (TFL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 'RED ROUTES' THAT FORM THE OTHER 5%)



#### WASTE

LONDON COUNCILS COLLECT AROUND **3** MILLION TONNES OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE A YEAR, OF WHICH **33%** IS RECYCLED



#### TRANSPORT

THE FREEDOM PASS - THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME IN THE COUNTRY - HAS BEEN FUNDED BY LONDON'S BOROUGH'S SINCE **1986**

# Guide to London Councils

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LONDON COUNCILS

## About London Councils



**London Councils represents London's 32 boroughs and the City of London.**

It is a cross-party organisation that works on behalf of all of its member authorities regardless of political persuasion.

London Councils makes the case to government, the Mayor and others to get the best deal for Londoners and to ensure that our member authorities have the resources, freedoms and powers to do the best possible job for their residents and local businesses.

London Councils runs a number of direct services for member authorities, including the Freedom Pass, Taxicard and Health Emergency Badge. It also supports the independent London Tribunals service for traffic and parking enforcement and a pan-London grants programme for voluntary organisations.

London Councils acts as a catalyst for effective sharing among boroughs – be that ideas, good practice, people, resources, or policies and new approaches.

The strategic direction of London Councils is set by the Leaders' Committee that comprises the Leaders of all of London's local authorities. There is also a cross-party Executive, which guides the organisation's day-to-day work.

## Adding value for London's boroughs



**London Councils acts as host for a number of bodies which add value to the work of our member authorities by helping them co-ordinate their work with pan-London organisations. These include:**

**London Safeguarding Children Board** – representing London's councils in a broader partnership with police, health and other partners to promote child safeguarding across London.

**London Young People's Education and Skills (YPES) Board** – the lead strategic body for 14-19 education and training in the capital.

**London Councils is the Regional Employer body for London local authorities.** Boroughs are members of the Greater London Employer Forum and are represented on the Greater London Provincial Council for the purposes of negotiations with trades unions.

**London's improvement and efficiency partnership, Capital Ambition**, which supports innovative solutions to the capital's challenges through its London Venture programme in partnership with EY.

London Councils also provides a key interface between boroughs, the London Fire Brigade, the Greater London Authority (GLA) and emergency services on issues around city management and resilience.

## Advancing London the focal point for local government



**Member authorities have their own relationships with pan-London organisations and in particular with the Mayor and the GLA. There are, however, a range of issues where the Mayor, the GLA and other pan-London organisations seek to establish negotiation or dialogue with London's boroughs, where London Councils acts as the focal point for representing borough interests - informed by our political and professional network.**

London Councils has developed a series of shared governance arrangements with the Mayor, Transport for London, Metropolitan Police, health and other partners, including London business organisations. London Councils nominates – on a cross party basis – members to serve in such shared governance arrangements, including:

- Homes for Londoners Board
- London Waste and Recycling Board
- London Crime Reduction Board
- London Economic Action Partnership
- London Health Board.

London Councils ensures also that the London local government perspective is part of policy development at national level by, for example, organising a full set of ministerial meetings and senior official discussions, and promoting ideas and policies at party conferences.

An All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for London MPs was formally established in May 2015. London Councils provides the secretariat to the group on behalf of London government.

## Keeping informed stay in touch



**There are a number of ways you can stay in touch and find out more about London Councils' work.**

Our public website [www.londoncouncils.gov.uk](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk), visited by more than 1.75 million people a year, contains a wealth of information, data, policy reports, and all the latest news on the work of London Councils.

Our exclusive members website [www.members.londoncouncils.gov.uk](http://www.members.londoncouncils.gov.uk) is where elected members can access exclusive policy briefings, sign-up for free member events and edit personal preferences to receive information on the topics they find most useful.

Our weekly update of London local government matters, Key Issues, is emailed every Wednesday morning to more than 20,000 subscribers across the capital. You can sign-up to receive Key Issues and other e-bulletins on specific topics at [www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/newsletters](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/newsletters)

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