

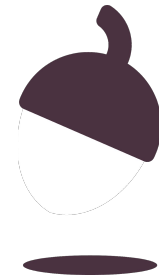
Citizenship

What is the role of the local councillor?

Lesson 3 of 6

Downloadable Resource

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Task 2 - Interview with Councillor Sophie

Question 1

Why did you decide to stand for election and become a local councillor?

Question 2

What do you enjoy the most about being a councillor?

Question 3

Why are councillors important in their communities?



A day in the life of a local councillor - Councillor Sophie's Blog (1)

I wake up in the morning and check the media to see what local and national news stories are impacting people in my ward. Before I set off to work, I reply to a call from the local radio station asking for my view on how the council is dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.

My main job involves me working in an office, but on my way in I notice a pothole in the road. After parking up I report this to the council's Cabinet Member to get it fixed.



A day in the life of a local councillor - Councillor Sophie's Blog (2)

I spend most of the day at work, but in my lunch break I use my phone to check emails and reply to messages from my constituents. One resident in my ward is upset about a new housing development nearby. I promise to look into it for him.

At 5pm I make the journey over to the Town Hall. I sit on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, which covers education. This means that I look at decisions made by the council that impact young people. We quiz people about these and can vote to stop them taking effect if we disagree with them.

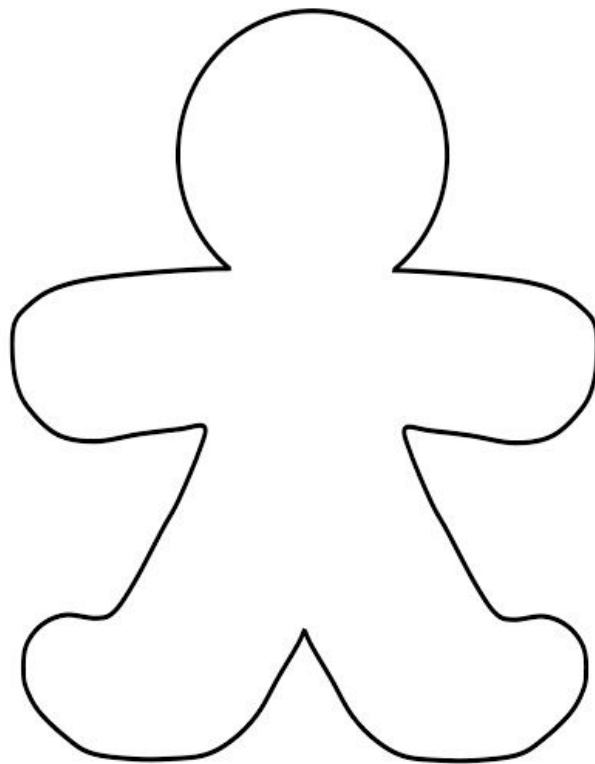


Task 3: My ideal Local Councillor

Create your own ideal gingerbread local councillor.

Based upon your learning today, write down down *five* skills or qualities that you would like to see in your ideal local councillor.

Thinking about this may help you in considering who to vote for, when you can legally vote in a local council election, at the age of 18.



Task 4: advising Zac

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