



Your council



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What services is Hertsmere responsible for?

Hertsmere Borough Council is responsible for providing services including benefits, car parking, community safety, elections, environmental health, housing needs, leisure and parks, licensing, planning, street cleaning and kerbside waste and recycling collections. You can have a look at what services we provide through the menu on the left-hand side of this page.

We work in partnership with other local authorities to improve the quality of life for residents but we do not have any control over services which are statutorily provided by other organisations e.g. roads and street lights as they are provided by [Hertfordshire County Council](#). Hertsmere Borough Council is completely separate from the county council with different responsibilities, staff and councillors.

[Hertfordshire County Council](#) is responsible for providing services including adoption and fostering, early years childcare, fire and rescue, health and social care, household waste recycling centres, libraries, public transport, registry, roads, schools, street lights, trading standards and youth provision across the ten districts of Hertfordshire.

There are also [town and parish councils](#) which operate in some areas of Hertsmere.

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Your local councillors

Hertsmere has 39 councillors in 16 wards who are elected to serve for four years at a time and the number of seats held by political groups is currently:

- Conservative 29
- Labour 7
- Liberal Democrats 3

The Leader of the Council and the Conservative Group is Cllr Morris Bright. He is responsible for:

- Overall strategy and coordination
- Interface with external agencies
- Chairing meetings of the Executive

The Leader of the Labour Group is Cllr Jeremy Newmark


The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group is Cllr Andrew Melville

Your [ward councillors](#) are elected to represent you and your community. They should be your first point of contact if you want to

comment or see some action on an issue or a service that concerns you.

Members are happy for you to contact them at any reasonable time, and therefore many do not arrange surgeries.

2020 vision - a Corporate Plan for Hertsmere

Our  [2020 vision](#), which is the collective name for the suite of documents that make up our Corporate Plan 2017-2020, guides the work of the council for the next three to four years.

To achieve this, we have a number of committees and operate a cabinet form of governance. The Leader and cabinet are called the Executive and they take most major decisions within a framework approved by the council. Information about each committee is available by clicking on the links listed below:

-  [The Executive](#)
-  [Council](#)
-  [Audit Committee](#)
-  [Licensing Committee](#)
-  [Licensing Sub-Committees](#)
-  [Operations Review Committee](#)
-  [Policy Review Committee](#)
-  [Personnel Committee](#)
-  [Planning Committee](#)
-  [Standards Committee](#)

You can find out more about which committees councillors sit on from our  [members' directory page](#).

The dates and times of meetings are on our  [meeting schedule](#) page.

If you live, or own a property or business in Hertsmere, you can  [submit a question](#) to be considered at a council meeting.

Find out about our  [organisational structure](#).

Forward Planning programme

Our Forward Plan contains matters which the Leader believes will be the subject of key decisions. A key decision is defined as one which will result in expenditure or savings of £100,000 revenue or £100,000 or more capital in any one year, or one that has a significant impact on people living or working in two or more wards.

You can see the latest version of our  [council's Forward Plan here](#) or call in to our offices.

You can read more about our procedures on all these issues in our  [constitution](#).

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