

Councils and Councillors

Ireland has 31 councils -
26 county councils, 3 city councils,
& 2 city and county councils.
There are 949 councillors in the country.

Services provided by councils

Housing



Housing



Road, Transport & safety



Recreation & Amenity



Planning



Library services



Water



Environmental Protection



Economic Development



Fire Services



Register of Electors

Who makes decisions

Elected Council

Policy decisions are made by the elected councillors during council meetings. These decisions may be made at 2 levels:

- Full council (plenary level)
- Municipal/metropolitan/borough district level/area committee level

The Chief Executive

The chief executive, assisted by a senior management team, manages a local authority on a day-to-day basis. It is the duty of the chief executive to advise and assist the elected council.

Both councillors and the chief executive have a common interest in serving the community.

Decisions made by councillors at full council



Approving an annual budget



Housing policy decisions



Variation in Local Property Tax Rate



Local economic & community plans



Commercial rates



County/City Development Plans



Adopting economic statements for full council to consider



Annual schedule of proposed works.



Funds for community initiatives



Litter prevention & control



Charges for council amenities, facilities & services



School wardens' arrangements.

Decisions made by councillors at full or local level



Civic Honors



Protected Structures



Local Area Plans



Flood Risk Management



Housing Services Plans