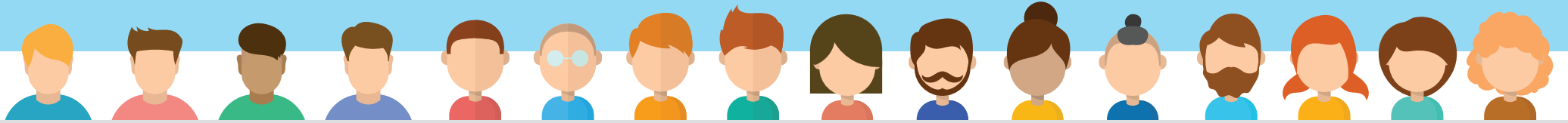
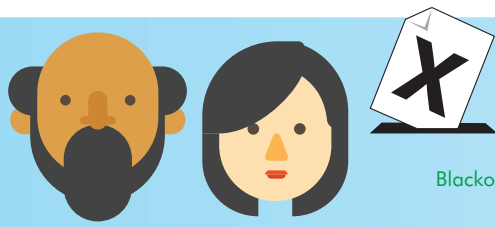


The role of a Councillor



Pendle Council, as with all other councils, is made up of members called councillors. Together they act on behalf of local residents.

Councillors are directly elected by registered voters and must live or work in the area they represent.

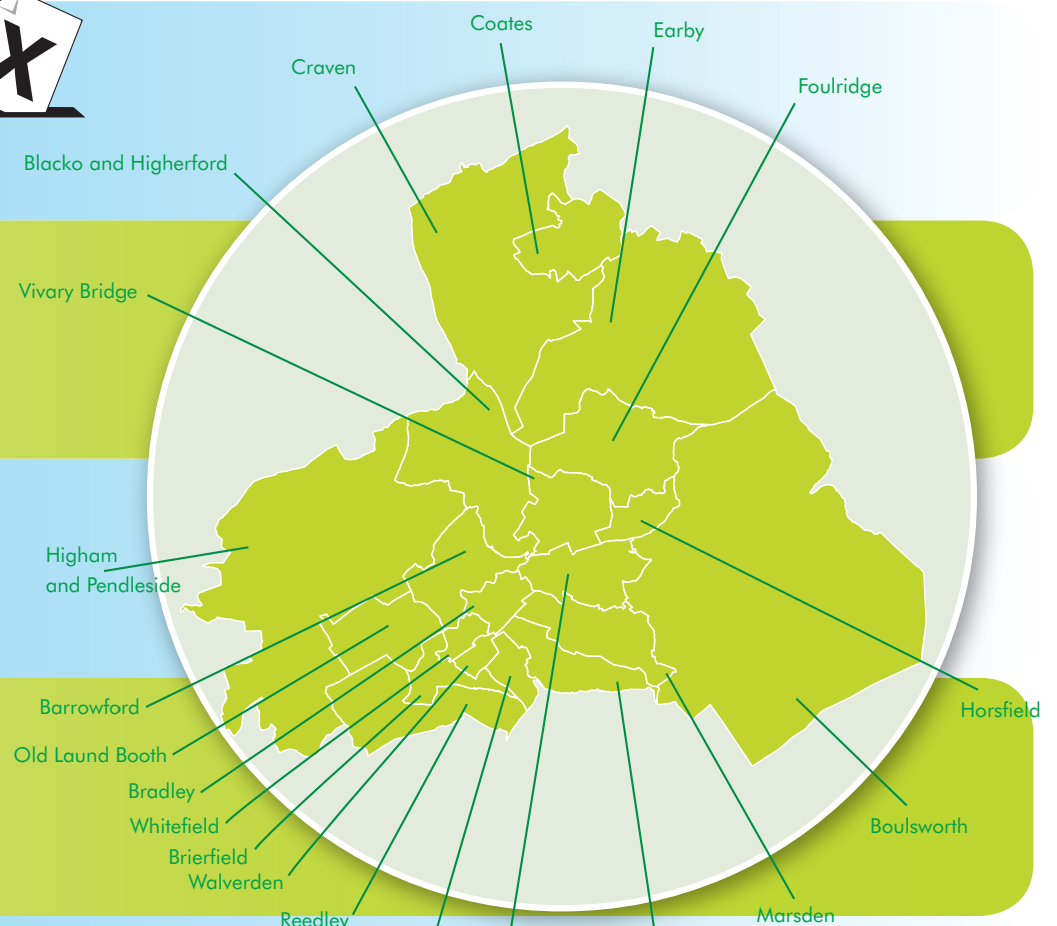


They act in the public interest as well as for individuals living within the ward in which they have been elected. In most cases they also represent major political parties.

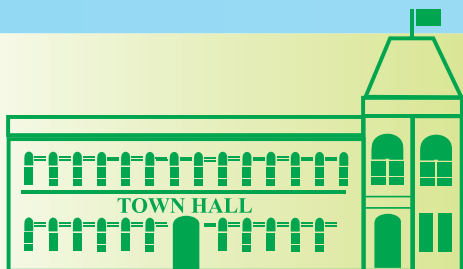
Pendle Council has **49** councillors, representing **20** wards. The number of councillors for each ward depends on the number of people living in that ward.



13 of our wards have **3** councillors
3 wards have only **2**
4 have just **1**



The councillors contribute to creating the Council's policies, decide how the Council's money is spent and how services are delivered.

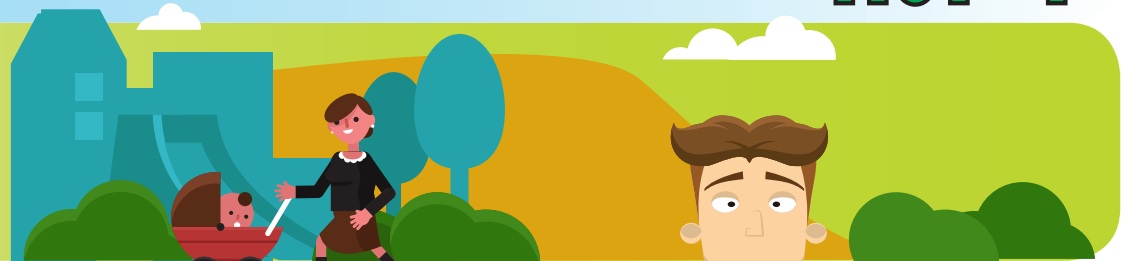


To do this they speak with Council officers, attend committee meetings and champion causes within and outside the Council.



As well as attending meetings, the councillors also deal with enquiries from local residents. These are generally received by letter, email or phone call. They may also choose to hold regular drop-in sessions for residents to discuss any problems or concerns.

They particularly support issues that will improve the quality of life for people living and working in Pendle.



They often become involved in community groups in their own ward.



Councillors are not paid but do receive an allowance to help them in their work.



Have you ever thought of becoming a councillor - do you think you could improve your area? Is it the state of the local park, the need for more activities for young people, improving services for older people, making the roads safer or ensuring that local businesses can thrive? www.beacouncillor.co.uk