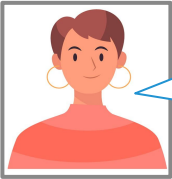


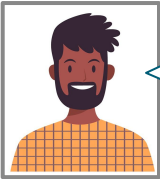
Name:

Task: Roles in the Council



Cllr Jayne
Backbench Councillor

I'm a backbench councillor, this means that I don't have a specific job in the council, other than to represent the community that I was elected to serve. I also have a full time job, so I often attend council meetings in the evening. I spend my time answering emails from residents in my ward (area) and speaking up for them. Constituents (residents) in my area elect me.



Fred
Council Officer

My job is to implement (put in place) political decisions made by local councillors. I am not elected and am there to advise councillors. There are council officers that are specialists on lots of different topics, but I am an expert in planning. This means I help councillors make decisions on whether new housing developments should be allowed. I'm not elected to my job but appointed through application and interview.



Cllr Mary
Cabinet Member

Like Jayne, I'm also a Councillor, but I have a specific role in the council. The Leader of the council appointed me as a Cabinet Member, which means that I sit on the front benches in big Town Hall meetings. It's my responsibility to make important decisions and lead a 'portfolio' area within the council. My portfolio is Housing and Community Services. This means that it's my job to make sure we have good quality homes in our city.

Who could have the most influence out of this group of people working with the council?

?

	Backbench Councillor (Jayne)	Cabinet Member (Mary)	Council Officer (Fred)
Role			
Accountability			