

# How do councils work in West Devon?

## Devon County Council

Devon County Council provide services that cover the whole county such as roads, education, libraries, waste disposal and adult social care. This excludes Plymouth and Torbay who operate as unitary authorities and run all these services themselves.

[www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk)

## West Devon Borough Council

The Borough Council provides local services such as housing, recycling and waste collection, environmental health, planning, and leisure facilities.

[www.westdevon.gov.uk](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk)

## Town and Parish Councils

The most localised tier of local government is a parish or town council. They are often responsible for maintenance of their immediate amenities such as recreational areas, footpaths, and cemeteries. The parish council is also consulted on highway and planning applications.

[www.westdevon.gov.uk/contactyourparishcouncil](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/contactyourparishcouncil)

## Councillors

A councillor may serve on more than one tier of local government – so a county councillor may also be a borough councillor and a parish or town councillor.

## Council Tax

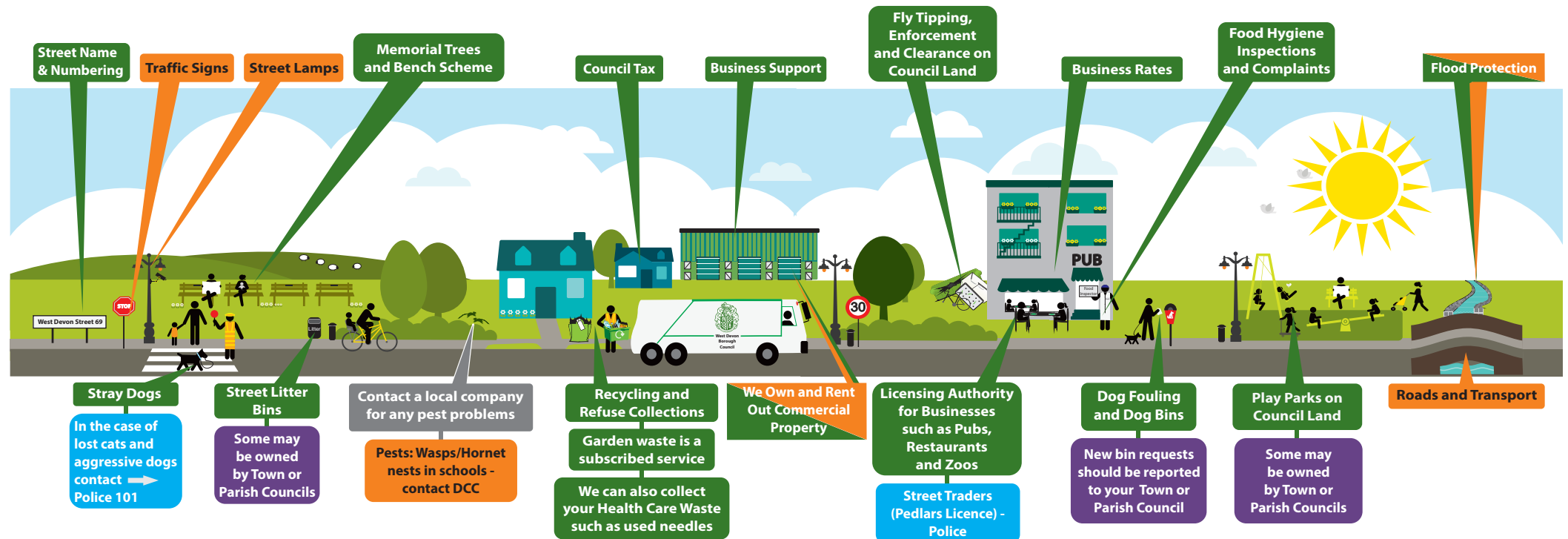
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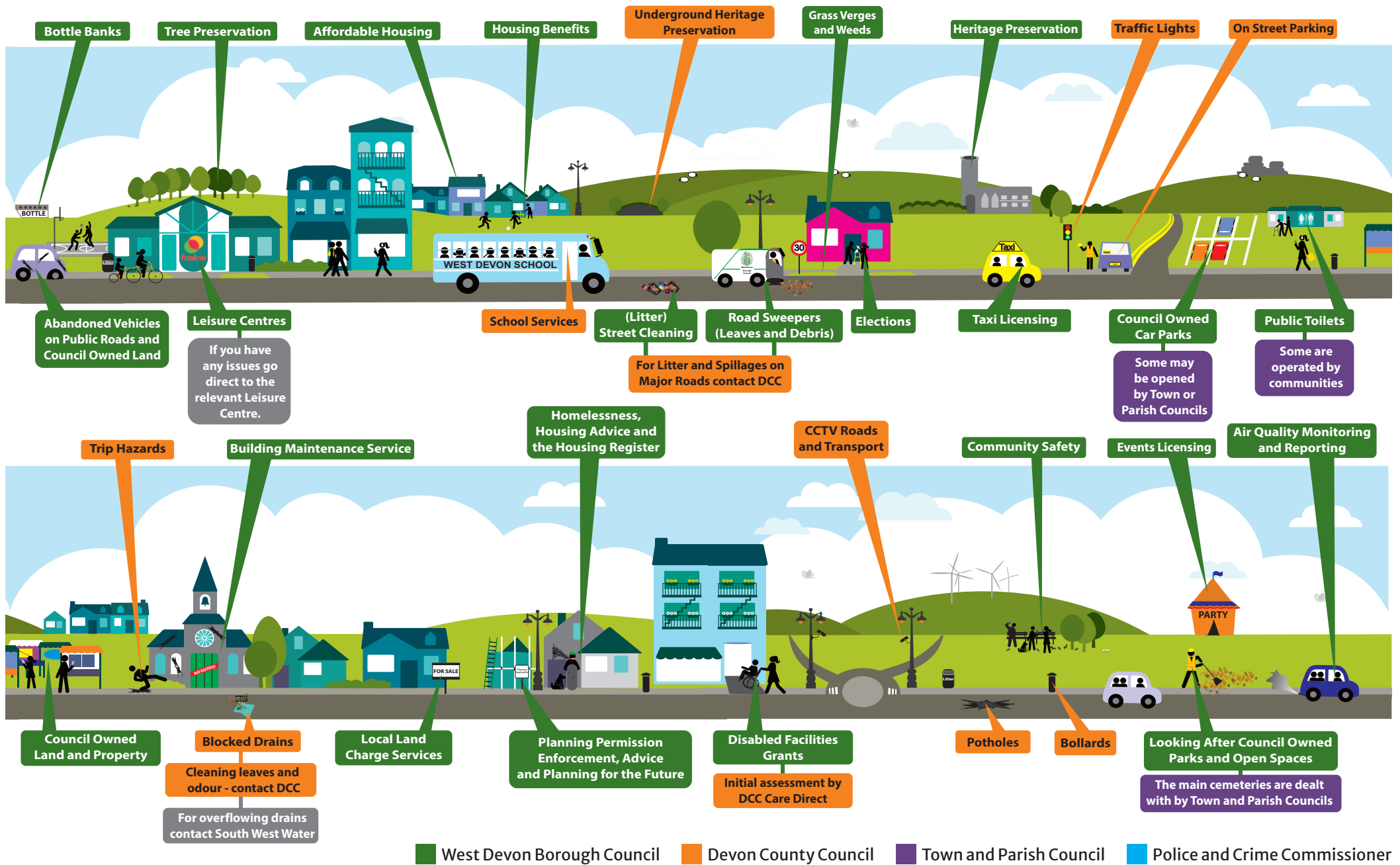
- Devon County Council
- West Devon Borough Council
- Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall
- Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority
- Town and Parish Councils

Council tax is an essential source of local government revenue. We use our share to deliver quality public services, from caring for the most vulnerable in our communities to keeping our streets clean, and providing better services for our residents.

Here is a street scene showing the key services provided by West Devon Borough Council. It also shows some of the Devon County Council services which are often mistaken with the services provided by West Devon. To find out which services your Town / Parish Council provides, contact your local clerk.

- West Devon Borough Council
- Devon County Council
- Town and Parish Council
- Police and Crime Commissioner





To find out more about how your council tax is spent visit - [www.westdevon.gov.uk/council-tax-spending](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/council-tax-spending)



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Borough Council