

How Portsmouth City Council is run: councillors decide, officers deliver

Elected councillors

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- Full Council: budget and policy
- Leader and Cabinet (10): Steve Pitt, Leader
- Scrutiny panels question decisions
- Planning, licensing and other committees

Council officers

- Chief Executive: Natalie Brahma-Pearl (Head of Paid Service)
- Section 151 officer: Chris Ward
- Monitoring Officer: Peter Baulf
- Directorates and service teams deliver services

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Image description: Two-branch chart. Political branch: Residents elect 42 councillors, Full Council: budget and policy, Leader and Cabinet (10): Steve Pitt, Leader, Scrutiny panels question decisions, Planning, licensing and other committees. Officer branch: Chief Executive: Natalie Brahma-Pearl (Head of Paid Service), Section 151 officer: Chris Ward, Monitoring Officer: Peter Baulf, Directorates and service teams deliver services.