

LOCAL COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES

FUNCTION	POWERS AND DUTIES	STATUTORY PROVISIONS
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments. Duty to provide allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied and if reasonable to do so	Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, s.23
Borrowing money	Power for councils to borrow money for their statutory functions or for the prudent management of their financial affairs	Local Government Act 2003, Schedule 1, para.2
Baths (Public)	Power to provide public swimming baths	Public Health act 1936, s.221
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire and maintain Power to Provide Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10 Local Government Act 1972, s.214 Parish councils & Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1
Bus Shelters	Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government Act 1972, s.214 (6) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4
Byelaws	Power to make byelaws for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places of public recreation • Cycle parks • Public swimming baths • Open spaces and burial grounds • Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Act 1875, s.164 • Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, s.57 (7) • Public Health Act 1936, s.223 • Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15 • Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Charities	Duties in respect of parochial charities	Charities Act 2011, ss. 298-303
Clocks	Power to act as charity trustees Power to provide public clocks	Local Government Act 1972, s.139 (1) Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
Closed Churchyards	Powers to maintain	Local Government Act 1972, s.215
Commons and common pastures	Powers in relation to Inclosure, regulation, management and provision of common pasture	Inclosure Act 1845; Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, s.34
Community centres	Power to provide & equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
Conference facilities	Power to acquire, provide and furnish community buildings for public meetings and assemblies	Local Government Act 1972, s.133
Crime prevention	Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities Power to spend money on crime detection & prevention measures	Local Government Act 1972, s.144 Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31
Ditches & Ponds	Power to drain & maintain ponds & ditches to prevent harm to public health	Public Health Act 1936, s.260
Entertainment & arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts	Local Government Act 1972, s.145
Environment	Power to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti & offences under dog control orders	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, s.19, s.30, Part 6
General Power of Competence	Power for an eligible council to do anything subject to statutory prohibitions, restrictions and limitations including those in place before or after introduction of general power of competence	Localism Act 2011, ss.1-8
Gifts	Power to accept gifts	Local Government Act 1972, s.139
Highways	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways Power to light roads and public places Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor-cycles Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening Power to provide roadside seats and shelters	Highways Act 1980, sections. 43,50 Parish councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57,63 Highways Act 1980, ss.30,72 Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1
	Consent of parish council required for ending maintenance of highway at public expense, or for stopping up or diversion of highway	Highways Act 1980, ss.47,116

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	Power to complain to district council as to protection of rights of way and roadside wastes Power to provide certain traffic signs and other notices	Highways Act 1980, s.130 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72
	Power to plant trees etc. and to maintain roadside verges	Highways Act 1980, s.96
Honorary titles	Power to admit to be honorary freemen/freewomen of council's area persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area	Local Government Act 1972, s.249 (5), s.249 (9)
Investments	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment	Trustee Investments Act 1961, s.11
Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of	Local Government Act 1972, ss.124, 126, 127
	Power to accept gifts of land	Local Government Act 1972, s.139
Litter	Provision of bins	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
Lotteries	Powers to promote	Gambling Act 2005, s.252, 258
Markets	Power to establish or acquire by agreement markets within their area & provide a market place & market buildings	Food Act 1984, s.50
Mortuaries and post mortem rooms	Powers to provide mortuaries and post mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Neighbourhood Planning	Powers to act as lead body for a neighbourhood development plan or a neighbourhood development order	Localism Act 2011, Sch. 9, Town & Country Planning Act 1990, ss.61E-61Q, Sch. 4B; Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, s.38A
Newsletters	Power to provide information relating to matters affecting local government	Local Government Act 1972, s.142
Nuisances	Power to deal with offensive ditches	Public Health Act 1936, s.260
Open spaces	Power to acquire & maintain land for public recreation	Public Health Act 1875, s.164
	Power to acquire and maintain land for open spaces	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
Parish Property and documents	Powers to receive and retain	Local Government Act 1972, s.226
Public buildings and village hall	Duty to deposit certain published works in specific deposit libraries Power to acquire and provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies	Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003, s.1 Local Government Act 1972, s.133
Public Conveniences	Power to provide	Public Health Act 1936, s.87
Recreation	Power to provide a wide range of recreational facilities	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
	Provision of boating pools	Public Health Act 1961, s.54
Right to challenge services that are provided by a principal authority	The right to submit an interest in running a service provided by a district, county or unitary authority	Localism Act 2011, ss.81-86
Right to nominate and bid for assets of community value	The right to nominate assets to be added to a list of assets of community value and the right to bid to buy a listed asset when it comes up for sale	Localism Act 2011, ss.87-108
Town and Country Planning	Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested	Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched. 1, para.8
Tourism	Power to encourage tourism to the council's area	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Traffic Calming	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.30
Transport	Powers to spend money on community transport schemes	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, ss.26-29
War memorials	Power to maintain, repairs, protect and adapt war memorials	War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.4; as extended by Local Government Act 1948, s.133
Water Supply	Power to utilise wells, springs or streams for obtaining water	Public Health Act 1936, s.125
Websites	Power for councils to have their own websites	Local Government Act 1972, s.142