



Member Committee's

Hartlepool Council became a unitary authority in April 1996, having previously been part of Cleveland County Council. It is the smallest of five small unitary authorities in the Tees Valley sub-region and in population terms is one of the smallest unitary authorities in the country. It has a net revenue budget in 2016/2017 of £77m.

It has 33 Councillors. The political balance is as follows:-

Conservative Group	3
Labour Group	21
UKIP	5
Putting Hartlepool First	2
Independents	2

The Council moved to a Committee System of governance, in May 2013, followed a comprehensive public consultation exercise and referendum and at the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 2 May 2013, Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher was appointed as the Leader of the Council.

The membership of each of the Councils Policy and other Committees is broadly based on the overall political balance of the Council (as detailed above). Each committee fulfilling the role and remit specified within the Council's Constitution.

Membership of the Policy Committees is as follows:-

Finance and Policy Committee

Cllr C Akers-Belcher *Chair (Leader)*
Cllr Cranney *Vice-Chair (Deputy Leader)/Chair*
Regeneration Services)
Cllr Thomas *Chair Adult Services*
Cllr Clark *Chair Children's Services*
Cllr James *Chair Neighbourhood Services*
Cllr Barclay
Cllr Beck
Cllr Hind
Cllr Loynes
Cllr Moore
Cllr Thompson



Adult Services Committee

Cllr Thomas *Chair*
Cllr Richardson *Vice Chair*
Cllr Hamilton
Cllr Loynes
Cllr Sirs
Cllr Tempest
Cllr Tennant

Neighbourhood Services Committee

Cllr James *Chair*
Cllr Belcher *Vice Chair*
Cllr Beck
Cllr Hunter
Cllr Loynes
Cllr Robinson
Cllr Springer

Regeneration Services Committee

Cllr Cranney *Chair*
Cllr S Akers-Belcher *Vice Chair*
Cllr Barclay
Cllr Hunter
Cllr Lindridge
Cllr Morris
Cllr Thompson

Children's Services Committee

Cllr Clark *Chair*
Cllr Hall *Vice Chair*
Cllr Beck
Cllr Hamilton
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Lauderdale
Cllr Moore


Co-opted Members:-

C. of E. Rep – Julie Cordiner
R.C. Rep – Michael Lee
School Head Teacher Representatives, and
Young Peoples Representatives

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Under the new governance arrangements, Hartlepool's Overview and Scrutiny function is focused upon its statutory Scrutiny responsibilities in relation to health and crime and disorder, as defined within the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and Police and Crime Act 2006. Responsibility for fulfilling these responsibilities sits with the Audit and Governance Committee, the membership of which includes any Member, with the exception of those who sit on the Finance and Policy Committee.

Membership of the Audit and Governance Committee is as follows:-

Cllr R Martin-Wells *Chair*
Cllr Cook *Vice Chair*
Cllr S Akers-Belcher
Cllr Belcher
Cllr Hamilton
Cllr Harrison
Cllr Tennant

Plus - Independent Member(s) and Parish Council representatives when dealing with standards functions and one fully co-opted representative from a responsible local policing body during consideration of Crime and Disorder Committee matters.

The Council also has two neighbourhood consultative forums serving the 'north and coastal' and 'south and central' areas of the town. All councillors are represented on one of these consultative forums, the remit of which includes the provision of Face the Public events for each of the Policy Committee chairs.

The Council has a detailed written constitution, which includes decision-making procedures and a delegated decision-making scheme.