



# Changing the way we run the Council

Information about the  
Committee System



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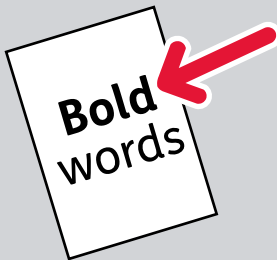
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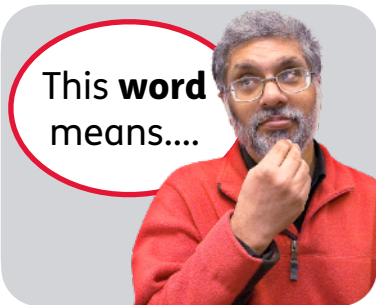
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This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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# About this booklet



This booklet is about how we are changing the way we run Bristol City Council.



Most things in the Council have been led by a Mayor and a group of Councillors, called the Cabinet.



The way the council is run will change to a **Committee System**.



A **Committee System** is where different policy committees make decisions about different parts of the council.



Each committee is responsible for a different part of the Council's work.

# The Committee System

Under the Committee System, there will be 8 policy committees that run the different parts of the Council's work:



1. **Strategy and Resources** - they will plan and organise the work of the Council and how it is paid for.



2. **Adult Social Care** - they will manage social care for adults who need extra care and support in their daily lives.



3. **Homes and Housing Delivery** - they will be in charge of making sure there is enough housing for people now and in the future.



- 4. Public Health and Communities** - they will work to keep local people safe and healthy.



- 5. Economy and Skills** - they will support local people and businesses to do well.



- 6. Children and Young People** - they will work to meet the needs of children and young people.



- 7. Transport and Connectivity** - they will manage travel in Bristol, like roads, walking and cycling routes.



- 8. Environment and Sustainability** - they will work to make Bristol a city that causes less waste and harm to the planet.



# The Committee Model Working Group



The **Committee Model Working Group** was set up to plan how we will change the way the Council is run.



The group has been:

- Deciding how each of the 8 different policy committees will run the Council's work.



- Recommending changes to ways of working.



- Speaking to members of the public about the Committee System and listening to what they think.

# What will happen next



We will be starting the Committee System from 6 May 2024.



The Council will carry on speaking to the public over the next few months, to let everyone know what is happening.



We want everyone to have the chance to take part in the new system when it begins in May 2024.



# Find out more



You can look at our website here:

[www.bristol.gov.uk/committeesystem](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/committeesystem)



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