



Stakeholder Engagement Joint Committee Profiles

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Council Composition

The Joint Committee is comprised of members from the following groups (listed in alphabetical order):

- Alba Party - 1 member
 - Independent – 2 members
 - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 3 members
 - Scottish Labour Party – 13 members
 - Scottish National Party – 19 members
- + 2 vacancies (Highland Council, Moray Council)

Executive Sub-Committee Members

- Councillor John Shaw (Renfrewshire Council) - Convener
- Councillor Altany Craik (Fife Council) - Vice-Convener
- Councillor David Keating (Aberdeenshire Council)
- Councillor Jack Cruickshanks (Angus Council)
- Councillor Mandy Watt (The City of Edinburgh Council)
- Councillor Kenny Macleod (Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar)
- Councillor Carolyne Wilson (Dumfries & Galloway Council)
- Councillor Ruairi Kelly (Glasgow City Council)
- Councillor Paul Oldham (The Highland Council)
- Councillor Christina Larsen (North Ayrshire Council)
- Councillor Michael McPake (North Lanarkshire Council)
- Councillor Dennis Leask (Shetland Islands Council)
- Councillor Chris Cullen (South Ayrshire Council)
- Councillor Walter Brogan (South Lanarkshire Council)

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Aberdeen City Council

Aberdeen City Council has 45 elected members representing 13 multi member wards. The administration is a majority coalition of SNP and Liberal Democrat councillors.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 19 members
Scottish Labour Party – 11 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 6 members
Independent – 4 members
Scottish Liberal Democrats - 4 members
Reform UK - 1 member

Key appointments

Lord Provost – Councillor David Cameron (Scottish National Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor Steve Delaney (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Council Co-Leader – Councillor Christian Allard (Scottish National Party)
Council Co-Leader – Councillor Ian Yuill (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Mohammad Tauqueer Malik (Scottish Labour Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Malik sits on the following:

- Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee (Convener)
- Finance and Resources Committee
- Integration Joint Board

Councillor Malik is a member of Culter Community Council and is captain of the Bon Accord Cricket Club and the Aberdeen Grades Select. This is Councillor Malik's third term of office having first been elected in 2012.

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Alexander McLellan (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor McLellan sits on the following:

- Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee
- Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
- Finance and Resources Committee (Convener)
- Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee

Councillor McLellan is a governor of Oakbank School. This is Councillor McLellan's second term of office having first been elected in 2017.

Aberdeenshire Council



Aberdeenshire Council has 70 elected members representing 19 multi member wards. The administration is a majority coalition of Conservative, Liberal Democrat and seven Independent councillors.

Council composition

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 20 members
Scottish National Party – 18 members
Scottish Liberal Democrats – 14 members
Independent - 13 members
Reform UK - 5 members

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Judy White (Independent)
Depute Provost – Councillor Ron McKail (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Council Co-Leader – Councillor Stewart Adams (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Council Co-Leader – Councillor Anne Stirling (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Alastair Forsyth (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Forsyth sits on the following:

- Audit Committee
- Formartine Area Committee

Councillor Forsyth sits on the Highland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association board. This is Councillor Forsyth's second term of office having first been elected in 2017.

Joint Committee Member

Councillor David Keating (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Keating sits on the following:

- Education and Children's Services Committee (Chair)
- Garioch Area Committee
- Integration Joint Board

This is Councillor Keating's second term of office having first been elected in a by-election in 2021. Councillor Keating is a member of Scotland Excel's Executive Sub-Committee.

Angus Council

Angus Council has 28 elected members representing eight multi member wards. The administration is a minority coalition of Conservative, Labour and four Independent councillors.



Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 11 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 8 members
- Independent – 8 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Craig Fotheringham (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Jill Scott (Independent)
- Council Leader – Councillor George Meechan (Independent)
- Depute Leader - Councillor Derek Wann (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Iain Gall (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Gall sits on the following:

- Communities
- Family, Education and Justice
- Scrutiny and Audit

Councillor Gall is a member of the Angus Council Charitable Trust, Business Gateway Tayside Board and the North East Scotland Agricultural Advisory Group.

This is Councillor Gall’s first term of office. Councillor Gall is a member of Scotland Excel’s Executive Sub-Committee.

Argyll and Bute Council

Argyll & Bute Council has 36 elected members representing 11 multi member wards. The administration is a coalition of SNP, Independent and Liberal Democrat councillors with no overall control.



Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 12 members
- Independent – 9 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 9 members
- Scottish Liberal Democrats – 4 members
- Scottish Green Party - 1 member
- Scottish Labour Party - 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Douglas Philand (Independent)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Jan Brown (Scottish National Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Jim Lynch (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Audrey Forrest (Scottish National Party) and Councillor Ross Moreland (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (Scottish National Party)



Councillor Kennedy-Boyle is Depute Policy Lead for Climate Change, Renewables and Net Zero. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Kennedy-Boyle sits on the following:

- Audit and Scrutiny Committee
- Bute and Cowal Area Committee (Vice Chair)
- Policy and Resources Committee

Councillor Kennedy-Boyle sits on the Isle of Bute BID Board. This is Councillor Kennedy-Boyle’s first term of office.

The City of Edinburgh Council



The City of Edinburgh Council has 63 elected members representing 17 multi member wards. The administration is a Labour minority administration with support of Conservatives and Liberal Democrats.


Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 17 members
- Scottish Liberal Democrats – 14 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 10 members
- Scottish Green Party – 10 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 10 members
- Independent – 1 member
- Labour and Co-operative Party - 1 member

Key appointments

- Lord Provost – Councillor Robert Aldridge (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
- Depute Lord Provost – Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron (Scottish Labour Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Cammy Day (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Mandy Watt (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Simita Kumar (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Kumar sits on the following:

- Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee
- Policy and Sustainability Committee

Councillor Kumar represents the council on the COSLA board.

This is Councillor Kumar’s first term of office.

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Mandy Watt (Scottish Labour Party)



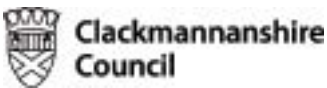
Councillor Watt is depute leader of the council. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Watt sits on the following:

- Finance and Resources Committee (Convener)
- Pensions Committee (Convener)
- Policy and Sustainability Committee

Councillor Watt is a member of various boards such as APSE and COSLA - SJC.

This is Councillor Watt’s second term of office having first been elected in 2017. Councillor Watt is a member of Scotland Excel’s Executive Sub-Committee.

Clackmannanshire Council



Clackmannanshire Council has 18 elected members representing five multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.

Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 8 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 5 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 3 members
- Independent – 1 member
- Scottish Green Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Donald Balsillie (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Jane McTaggart (Scottish National Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Ellen Forson (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Graham Lindsay (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Ellen Forson (Scottish National Party)



Councillor Forson is the Leader of Clackmannanshire Council and Spokesperson for Partnership and Performance (Finance, Performance and Digital). In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Forson sits on the following:

- Audit and Scrutiny Committee
- Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal Joint Committee (Chair)

Councillor Forson is chair of the Clackmannanshire Alliance and is the Council’s Champion for The Promise and Champion for Equalities.

This is Councillor Forson’s third term of office having first been elected in 2012 and continues in a second term as leader of the council.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has 29 elected members representing nine multi member wards. Usually, the Comhairle does not formally set up an administration.



Council composition

Independent – 21 members
Scottish National Party – 6 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 1 member
Scottish Liberal Democrats – 1 member

Key appointments

Council Convener – Councillor Kenneth MacLeod (Scottish National Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Paul Steele (Independent)
Depute Leader - Councillor Duncan Macinnes MBE (Independent)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Kenneth MacLeod (Scottish National Party)



Councillor MacLeod is Convener of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. In addition to the full Council committee, which he chairs, Councillor MacLeod sits on the following committees:

- Comataidh na Gàidhlig
- Education, Sport and Children's Services Committee
- Human Resources Sub-Committee
- Policy and Resources Committee
- Sustainable Development Committee
- Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Councillor MacLeod is the chairman of Lewis and Harris Auction Mart and is also a freelance journalist for the BBC. Councillor MacLeod is the vice-chairman of Lewis and Harris Football Association.

This is Councillor MacLeod's third term of office having first been elected in 2012. Councillor MacLeod is a member of Scotland Excel's Executive Sub-Committee.

Dumfries and Galloway Council

Dumfries and Galloway Council has 43 elected members representing 12 multi member wards. The administration is a minority coalition of SNP and Labour with support from Independent members.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 11 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 10 members
Scottish Labour Party – 8 members
Novantae - 4 members
Dumfries and Galloway Independent Group - 3 members
Independent – 3 members
Democratic Alliance - 2 members
Non Aligned - 1 member
Scottish Liberal Democrats – 1 member

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Tracey Little (Scottish National Party)
Convenor – Councillor Katie Hagmann (Scottish National Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Stephen Thompson (Scottish National Party)
(The Convenor and Council Leader deputise for one another when required)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Carlyne Wilson (Scottish Labour Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Wilson sits on the following committees:

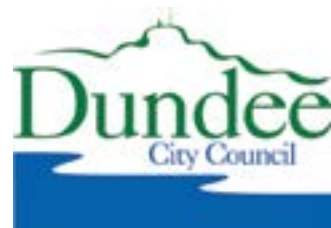
- Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee
- Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee (Chair)
- Economy and Resources Committee
- Education, Skills and Community Wellbeing Committee
- Social Work Services Committee

Councillor Wilson sits on several outside committees and boards including the Dumfries and Galloway Champions Board for Looked After Children and Care Leavers and the Dumfriesshire Educational Trust.

This is Councillor Wilson's first term of office. Councillor Wilson is a member of Scotland Excel's Executive Sub-Committee.

Dundee City Council

Dundee City Council has 29 elected members representing eight multi member wards. The administration is an SNP majority administration.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 16 members
Scottish Labour Party – 8 members
Scottish Liberal Democrats – 4 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 1 member

Key appointments

Lord Provost – Councillor Bill Campbell (Scottish National Party)
Depute Lord Provost - Councillor Kevin Cordell (Scottish National Party)
Council Leader – Councillor John Alexander (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Lynne Short (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Anderson sits on the following:

- Children, Families and Communities Committee
- City Governance Committee
- Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Committee
- Fair Work, Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Neighbourhood Regeneration, Housing & Estate Management Committee (Depute Convener)
- Planning Committee

Councillor Short is Scottish Vice Chair of APSE and sits on the Tayside Valuation Joint Board and Tayside Contracts Joint Committee.

This is Councillor Short's third term of office having first been elected in a by-election in 2016. Councillor Short is a returning member of the Joint Committee.

East Ayrshire Council

East Ayrshire Council has 32 elected members representing nine multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 15 members
Scottish Labour Party – 7 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 4 members
Independent – 4 members
Labour and Co-operative Party - 1 member
Rubbish Party - 1 member

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Jim Todd (Scottish National Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor Claire Leitch (Scottish National Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Douglas Reid (Scottish National Party)
Depute Leader – Councillor Jim McMahon (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Stephen Canning (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Canning sits on the following:

- Central Joint Consultative Committee
- Governance and Scrutiny Committee
- Grants Committee
- Police and Fire and Rescue Committee

Councillor Canning is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and represents the Council on the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board, Cunninghame Housing Association and the Supplier Development Programme)

This is Councillor Canning's first term of office.

East Dunbartonshire Council



East Dunbartonshire Council has 22 elected members representing seven multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.

Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 8 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 5 members
- Scottish Liberal Democrats – 5 members
- Independent – 2 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 2 members

Key appointments


- Provost – Councillor Gillian Renwick (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Colette McDiarmid (Scottish Labour Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Gordan Low (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Calum Smith (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Paul Ferretti (Scottish National Party)

In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Ferretti sits on the following:

- Place Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets Committee (Convener)
- Policy and Resources Committee

This is Councillor Ferretti’s second term of office.



East Lothian Council



East Lothian Council has 22 elected members representing six multi member wards. The administration is a Labour minority administration.

Council composition

- Scottish Labour Party – 10 members
- Scottish National Party – 6 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 4 members
- Independent - 1 member
- Scottish Green Party - 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor John McMillan (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Andy Forrest (Scottish Labour Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Norman Hampshire (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Leader - Councillor Shamin Akhtar (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member
Provost John McMillan (Scottish Labour Party)

Provost McMillan is the Provost of East Lothian Council and Cabinet Spokesperson for Environment, Economic Development & Tourism. In addition to the full Council committee, Provost McMillan sits on the following:

- Cabinet
- Haddington Common Group Committee
- Petitions and Community Empowerment Review Committee (Convener)
- Planning Committee (Depute Convener)
- Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee (Depute Convener)

Provost McMillan is a member of numerous boards and trusts including East Lothian and Midlothian Chamber of Commerce, East Lothian Food and Drink Board and he is a Director of Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust.

This is Provost McMillan’s third term of office having first been elected in 2012. Provost McMillan is a returning member of the Joint Committee.



East Renfrewshire Council

East Renfrewshire Council has 18 elected members representing five multi member wards. The administration is a minority coalition of Labour and one Independent councillor.



Council composition

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 5 members
Scottish Labour Party – 5 members
Scottish National Party – 5 members
Independent – 3 members

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Mary Montague (Scottish Labour Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor Kate Campbell (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Owen O'Donnell (Scottish Labour Party)
Depute Leader – Councillor Andrew Anderson (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Tony Buchanan (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Buchanan sits on the following committees:

- Audit and Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Education Committee
- Emergencies Committee

Councillor Buchanan is COSLA's Children and Young People Spokesperson. Councillor Buchanan is an Executive Officer in the Department of Work and Pensions, a member of the East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust and a Director of the Supplier Development Programme and Business Loans Scotland.

This is Councillor Buchannan's fourth term of office having first been elected in 2007. Councillor Buchanan is a returning member of the Joint Committee.

Falkirk Council

Falkirk Council has 30 elected members representing nine multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 11 members
Scottish Labour Party – 9 members
Independent – 5 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 4 members
Reform UK - 1 member

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Robert Bissett (Scottish Labour Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor David Balfour (Scottish National Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Margaret Anslow (Scottish Labour Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Anslow sits on the following:

- Audit Committee (Convener)
- Planning Committee
- Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Anslow represents on the SEStran - South East Scotland Transport Partnership board.

This is Councillor Anslow's first term of office.

Fife Council

Fife Council has 75 elected members representing 23 multi member wards. The administration is a Labour minority administration.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 35 members
Scottish Labour Party – 18 members
Scottish Liberal Democrats – 13 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 6 members
Reform UK - 2 members
Independent - 1 member

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Jim Leishman MBE (Scottish Labour Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor Dave Dempsey (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor Donald Lothian (Scottish Liberal Democrat Party)
Council Leader – Councillor David Ross (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw sits on the following:

- Education Scrutiny Committee
- Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

This is Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw's first term of office.

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Altany Craik (Scottish Labour Party)



Councillor Craik is the spokesperson for Finance, Economy & Strategic Planning. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Craik sits on the following:

- Cabinet
- Fife Planning Committee
- People and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Craik is a Director of Business Gateway Fife and chairs the Industrial Communities Alliance.

This is Councillor Craik's third term of office having first been elected in 2012. Councillor Craik is a returning member of the Joint Committee and is the vice-convenor of Scotland Excel's Executive Sub-Committee.

Glasgow City Council

Glasgow City Council has 85 elected members representing 23 multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 37 members
Scottish Labour Party – 31 members
Scottish Green Party – 11 members
Independent - 4 members
Reform UK - 1 member
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 1 member

Key appointments

Lord Provost – Councillor Jacqueline McLaren (Scottish National Party)
Depute Lord Provost – Councillor Christy Mearns (Scottish Green Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Susan Aitken (Scottish National Party)
Depute Leader – Councillor Ricky Bell (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member

Bailie Rashid Hussain (Scottish Labour Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Bailie Hussain sits on the following:

- Greater Pollok Area Partnership
- Net Zero and Climate Progress Monitoring City Policy Committee
- Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee

This is Bailie Hussain's third term in office having first been elected in 2017.

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Ruairi Kelly (Scottish National Party)



Councillor Kelly is the Convener for Neighbourhood Services and Assets, In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Kelly sits on the following:

- Asset Transfer Review Committee
- City Administration Committee
- Contracts and Property Committee (Vice Convener)
- Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee
- North East Area Partnership (Chair)
- Strathclyde Pension Fund Committee

This is Councillor Kelly's second term in office having first been elected in 2017. Councillor Kelly is a returning member of the Joint Committee and is also a member of Scotland Excel's Executive Sub-Committee.

The Highland Council



The Highland Council has 74 elected members representing 21 multi member wards. The administration is a majority coalition of SNP and Highland Independent councillors.


Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 19 members
- Scottish Liberal Democrat – 17 members
- Highland Independent – 16 members
- Highland Alliance – 9 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 6 members
- Scottish Green Party – 3 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 2 members
- Independent - 1 member
- Alba Party - 1 member

Key appointments

- Council Convener – Councillor Bill Lobban (Highland Independent)
- Vice-Convener - Councillor Biz Campbell (Highland Independent)
- Vice-Convener - Councillor Ken Gowans (Scottish National Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Raymond Bremner (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Paul Oldham (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Oldham sits on the following:

- Audit Committee
- Corporate Resources Committee (Chair)
- Economy & Infrastructure Committee

Councillor Oldham is vice-chair of the Nairnshire Committee.

This is Councillor Oldham’s first term in office. Councillor Oldham is a member of Scotland Excel’s Executive Sub-Committee.

Joint Committee Member
Councillor TBC



Inverclyde Council



Inverclyde Council has 22 elected members representing seven multi member wards. The administration is a Labour minority administration.

Council composition

- Scottish Labour Party – 7 members
- Scottish National Party – 6 members
- Independent – 5 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 2 members
- Scottish Labour and Scottish Co-operative Party - 2 members

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Drew McKenzie (Independent)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Graeme Brooks (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Robert Moran (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Natasha McGuire (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Jim Clocherty (Scottish Labour Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Clocherty sits on the following:

- Audit Committee
- Education and Regeneration Committee (Convener)
- Environment and Regeneration Committee (Vice-Convener - Regeneration)

Councillor Clocherty is a member of several boards and trusts including APSE, the COSLA Environment and Economy Board, Inverclyde Community Development Trust and Inverclyde Leisure.

This is Councillor Clocherty’s fourth term in office having first been elected in 2007.

Midlothian Council



Midlothian Council has 18 elected members representing six multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.

Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 8 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 6 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 3 members
- Independent - 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Debbi McCall (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Douglas Bowen (Scottish National Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Kelly Parry (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Colin Cassidy (Scottish National Party)


Joint Committee Member

Councillor Colin Cassidy (Scottish National Party)

Councillor Cassidy is the Depute Leader of Midlothian Council. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Cassidy sits on the following:

- Cabinet (Depute Convener)
- General Purposes Committee
- Local Review Body
- Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee
- Planning Committee
- Standards Committee

This is Councillor Cassidy’s second term in office having first been elected in 2017.



Moray Council



Moray Council has 26 elected members representing eight multi member wards. The administration is a minority Conservative administration.

Council composition

- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 10 members
- Scottish National Party – 7 members
- Independent – 4 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 3 members
- Conservative Non-aligned - 1 member
- Scottish Green Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Convener – Councillor John Cowe (Independent)
- Council Leader – Councillor Kathleen Robertson (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Depute Leader - Councillor Donald Gatt (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor TBC



North Ayrshire Council

North Ayrshire Council has 33 elected members representing 10 multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 12 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 5 members
Scottish Labour Party – 8 members
Scottish Labour and Co-operative Party – 3 members
Independent – 3 members
Reform UK - 2 members

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Anthea Dickson (Scottish National Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor John Sweeney (Scottish National Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Marie Burns (Scottish National Party)
Depute Leader – Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Christina Larsen (Scottish National Party)



Councillor Larsen holds the cabinet portfolio for Finance. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Larsen sits on the following:

- Cabinet (Finance)
- Licensing Committee
- Local Development Plan Committee
- North Ayrshire Council (Planning)

This is Councillor Larsen's second term of office having first been elected in 2017. Councillor Larsen is also a member of Scotland Excel's Executive Sub-Committee.

North Lanarkshire Council

North Lanarkshire Council has 77 elected members representing 21 multi member wards. The administration is a Labour minority administration.



Council composition

Scottish Labour Party – 32 members
Scottish National Party – 24 members
Independent – 7 members
Progressive Change North Lanarkshire - 7 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 5 members
British Unionist Party – 1 member
Scottish Green Party – 1 member

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Kenneth Duffy (Scottish Labour Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor Bob Burgess (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Council Leader – Councillor James Logue (Scottish Labour Party)
Depute Leader – Councillor Louise Roarty (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Michael McPake (Scottish Labour Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor McPake sits on the following:

- Education, Children and Families Committee
- Enterprise and Fair Work Committee
- Finance and Resources Committee
- Housing Committee (Convener)
- Planning Committee
- Policy and Strategy Committee

Councillor McPake is a member of several outside committees including Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. This is his fourth term of office having first been elected in a by-election in 2011. Councillor McPake is also a member of Scotland Excel's Executive Sub-Committee.

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Denis Johnston (Scottish National Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Johnston sits on the following:

- Audit and Scrutiny Panel
- Finance and Resources Committee
- Policy and Strategy Committee

This is Councillor Johnston's first term of office.

Orkney Islands Council

Orkney Islands Council has 21 elected members representing six multi member wards. The administration is an Independent administration.



Council composition

- Independent – 19 members
- Scottish Green Party – 2 members

Key appointments

- Convener – Councillor Graham Bevan (Independent)
- Council Leader – Councillor Heather Woodbridge (Independent)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Sandy Cowie (Independent)

Joint Committee Member Councillor Jeanette A Park (Independent)

In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Park sits on the following:

- Education, Leisure and Housing Committee
- Planning
- Policy and Resources Committee

Councillor Park is a director of Stromness Community Development Trust.

This is Councillor Park’s first term of office.



Perth and Kinross Council

Perth and Kinross Council has 40 elected members representing 12 multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.



Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 17 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 12 members
- Independent – 5 members
- Scottish Liberal Democrats – 5 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Xander McDade (Independent)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Andrew Parrott (Scottish National Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Grant Laing (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Eric Drysdale (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member Councillor Stewart Donaldson (Scottish National Party)

In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Donaldson sits on the following:

- Economy and Infrastructure Committee
- Finance and Resources Committee (Convener)

Councillor Donaldson sits on the Culture Perth and Kinross Board, the Tayside Pension Fund Local Pension Board and the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Executive Committee.

This is Councillor Donaldson’s second term of office having first been elected in 2017.



Renfrewshire Council

Renfrewshire Council has 43 elected members representing 12 multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration.



Council composition

Scottish National Party – 20 members
Scottish Labour Party – 12 members
Independent – 3 members
Reform UK - 3 members
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 3 members
Scottish Labour and Co-operative Party – 1 member
Scottish Liberal Democrats – 1 member

Key appointments

Provost – Councillor Lorraine Cameron (Scottish National Party)
Depute Provost – Councillor Cathy McEwan (Scottish National Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Iain Nicolson (Scottish National Party)
Depute Leader – Councillor Jacqueline Cameron (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor John Shaw (Scottish National Party)

In addition to the full Council board, Councillor Shaw sits on the following:

- Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board (Convener)
- Investment Review Board (Convener)
- Leadership Board
- Local Partnership - Renfrew
- Planning and Climate Change Policy Board

This is Councillor Shaw's second term of office having first been elected in 2017. Councillor Shaw is a returning member of the Joint Committee. Councillor Shaw is also the convener of Scotland Excel's Joint Committee and Executive Sub-Committee.



Scottish Borders Council

Scottish Borders Council has 34 elected members representing 11 multi member wards. The administration is a majority coalition of Conservative and Independent councillors.



Council composition

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 15 members
Independent – 8 members
Scottish National Party – 7 members
Scottish Liberal Democrats – 3 members
Scottish Green Party – 1 member

Key appointments

Convener – Councillor Watson McAteer (Independent)
Vice-Convener – Councillor John Greenwell (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Council Leader – Councillor Euan Jardine (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Mark Rowley (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Councillor Rowley is the Executive Member for Service Delivery & Transformation. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Rowley sits on the following:

- Berwickshire Area Partnership
- Berwickshire Locality Committee
- Executive Committee
- External Services/Providers Monitoring Group (Chair)

Councillor Rowley represents the Council on the APSE Board. This is Councillor Rowley's second term of office having first been elected in 2017.



Shetland Islands Council

Shetland Islands Council has 23 elected members representing seven multi member wards. The administration is an Independent administration.


Council composition

- Independent – 21 members
- Scottish Green Party – 1 member
- Scottish National Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Convener – Councillor Andrea Manson (Independent)
- Depute Convener – Councillor Bryan Peterson (Independent)
- Council Leader – Councillor Emma Macdonald (Independent)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Gary Robinson (Independent)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Dennis Leask (Independent)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Leask sits on the following:

- Development Committee (Chair)
- Environment and Transport Committee
- Policy and Resources Committee

This is Councillor Leask’s first term of office. Councillor Leask is a member of Scotland Excel’s Executive Sub-Committee.



South Ayrshire Council

South Ayrshire Council has 28 elected members representing eight multi member wards. The administration is a Conservative minority administration.


Council composition

- Independent – 11 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 6 members
- Scottish National Party – 5 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 5 members
- Alba Party - 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Iain Campbell (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Mary Kilpatrick (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Martin Dowe (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Lee Lyons (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Chris Cullen (Alba Party)



In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Cullen sits on the following:

- Audit and Governance Panel
- Service and Partnerships Performance Panel (Chair)

Councillor Cullen represents the council on the Supplier Development Programme board.

This is Councillor Cullen’s second term of office having first been elected in 2017. Councillor Cullen is a member of Scotland Excel’s Executive Sub-Committee.



South Lanarkshire Council

South Lanarkshire Council has 64 elected members representing 20 multi member wards. The administration is a Labour led partnership agreement with the Liberal Democrats and an Independent.



Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 25 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 25 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 5 members
- Independent – 3 members
- Scottish Liberal Democrats – 3 members
- Reform UK - 2 members
- Scottish Green Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Margaret Cooper (Independent)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Bert Thomson (Scottish Labour Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Joe Fagan (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Gerry Convery (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member

Councillor Walter Brogan (Scottish Labour Party)

In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Brogan sits on the following:

- Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
- Finance and Corporate Resources Committee (Depute Chair)
- Housing and Technical Resources Committee
- Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board (Convener)
- Social Work Resources Committee

This is Councillor Brogan’s fourth term of office having first been elected in 2007. Councillor Brogan is a member of Scotland Excel’s Executive Sub-Committee.



Joint Committee Member

Councillor Eileen Logan (Scottish Labour Party)

In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor Logan sits on the following:

- Education Resources Committee
- Executive Committee
- Social Work Resources Committee
- Integration Joint Board

This is Councillor Logan’s fifth term of office having first been elected in 2003. Councillor Logan is a returning member of Scotland Excel’s Joint Committee.



Stirling Council

Stirling Council has 23 elected members representing seven multi member wards. The administration is an SNP minority administration with cooperation from the Scottish Greens and an Independent.



Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 10 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 7 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 4 members
- Independent – 1 member
- Scottish Green Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Lord Provost – Councillor Rosemary Fraser (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Convener - Councillor Gerry McLaughlan (Scottish National Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Susan McGill (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Jim Thomson (Scottish National Party)

Joint Committee Member


Councillor Gerry McLaughlan (Scottish National Party)

Councillor McLaughlan is the Depute Convener of Stirling Council. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor McLaughlan sits on the following:

- Finance, Economy and Culture Committee (Convener)

Councillor McLaughlan has experience within the energy and utility sector and the environment and transport sector through his working career.

This is Councillor McLaughlan’s second term of office having been elected in 2015 and 2022.



West Dunbartonshire Council



West Dunbartonshire Council has 22 elected members representing six multi member wards. The administration is a Labour majority administration.

Council composition

- Scottish Labour Party – 10 members
- Scottish National Party – 7 members
- Independent - 4 members
- West Dunbartonshire Community Party – 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Karen Murray Conaghan (Scottish National Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Hazel Sorrell (Scottish Labour Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Martin Rooney (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Michelle McGinty (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill (Scottish Labour Party)



Councillor O'Neill is the Convener and spokesperson of the Planning & Licensing Committees. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor O'Neill sits on the following:

- Corporate Services Committee (Vice-Convener)
- Educational Services Committee
- Housing & Communities Committee
- Infrastructure, Regeneration & Economic Development Committee(Vice-Convener)
- Planning Committee

Councillor O'Neill is a member of several organisations including Independent Chair of Holm Park Community Football Academy, Tenant Management Committee Member of Knowes Housing Association and convenor of Clydeplan.

This is Councillor O'Neill's fourth term of office having first been elected in 2011.

West Lothian Council



West Lothian Council has 33 elected members representing nine multi member wards. The administration is a Labour minority administration.

Council composition

- Scottish National Party – 15 members
- Scottish Labour Party – 10 members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party – 4 members
- Independent – 1 member
- Labour & Co-operative Party - 1 member
- Reform UK - 1 member
- Scottish Liberal Democrats – 1 member

Key appointments

- Provost – Councillor Cathy Muldoon (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Provost – Councillor Peter Heggie (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Council Leader – Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Scottish Labour Party)
- Depute Leader – Councillor Susan Manion (Scottish Labour Party)

Joint Committee Member
Councillor Anne McMillan (Scottish Labour Party)



Councillor McMillan has responsibility for the Executive post of Social Work and Health. In addition to the full Council committee, Councillor McMillan sits on the following:

- Council Executive
- Livingston North Local Area Committee (Chair)
- Planning Committee
- Social Work and Health Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (Chair)

This is Councillor McMillan's second term of office having first been elected in 2012. Councillor McMillan sits on the COSLA Executive Board - Health and Social Care.

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