

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “THE COUNCIL”?

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First of all, our City Council is really our Parish Council---our parish happens to be the City of Chichester---and it has a number of limited responsibilities, namely: allotments, consultation on planning applications, footpath lighting, street naming and numbering and upkeep of the nameplates, twinning with European cities, Christmas lights, Civic Heritage, Young People's Awards, discretionary grants, disused burial grounds, flag displays in the City, floral displays in the City, Freedom Holders, Holiday Activity Scheme, leasing units at the Butter Market and street banners.

The City Council owns and maintains the following:

- The Market Cross
- The Council House, North Street
- The Butter Market, North Street
- War Memorial, Litten Gardens
- St James Obelisk, St Pancras/Westhampnett Road

Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council

Between them they are responsible for a vast number of services and standards. We can categorise the main areas of responsibility and they are displayed in the following table:

Service	District Council	County Council	Other
Telephone:	E Pallant Ho, 1 EP, PO19 1TY 01243 785166	County Hall, W St, PO19 1RQ 01243 777100	
Emergency		Fire Brigade	Ambulance
Law & order			Sussex Police Authority Magistrates' Court
Health & Safety	H & S Standards Health development Pest control		NHS Hospitals
Education	Sports development Youth Initiatives	Schools Special Education Youth & Community Service Adult Education Arts & Heritage	
Highways		Roads, bridges, footpaths Rights of way Road safety Street lighting Parking - on street	Trunk roads--- (Highways Agency)
	Parking - off street		
Public Transport		P.T. Policy Transport - elderly & disabled	Bus companies

Social Services	Housing	Caring Services	
Services to premises			Water; Gas Electricity Telecoms Sewers
Waste	Refuse collection Street cleaning (part)	Refuse disposal Street cleaning (part)	
Community Services	Museum Burials	Libraries Safety Consumer advice Trading Standards	Crematorium
Environment	Beaches & foreshores Coastal defences Conservation Areas Environmental Health & Protection Pollution Green issues	Conservation	Environment Agency
Recreation	Parks & playgrounds Leisure development		Leisure centres
Planning	Local planning Building control	County planning	
Finances	Council tax Housing benefit		
Records	Register of Electors	Register of Births, Marriages & Deaths Records Office	
Licensing	Animals, Lotteries, Caravan Sites, Entertainment, Liquor Taxis	Explosives Petroleum Poisons	
Tourism	Development Information		
