



GUILDFORD
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Constitution

Guildford Borough Council

As at August 2024

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INTRODUCTION

The Borough of Guildford covers an area of some 27,100 hectares and has a population of over 145,000.

Guildford Borough Council was established in 1974 and provides many statutory services, either directly or in partnership with other agencies, to the residents and businesses of, and visitors to, the Borough. It also provides many other discretionary services, such as sports and leisure facilities, car parks and support for many local organisations.

Forty-eight councillors are elected to the Council and approximately 750 staff are employed to ensure its aim of maintaining, and where possible improving, the quality of life of all sectors of the community.

The main objectives and aims of the Council are set out in its [Corporate Plan](#). The Council's Strategic Framework including the Vision, the five fundamental themes that support the achievement of the Vision, Values for our Residents and the Mission are shown on the following page.

This document is the Constitution of the Council. It sets out the roles, responsibilities and rules of the Borough Council. We hope that it will help you to understand how your Council makes decisions and who is responsible for them.

If you have any questions about this document or the work of the Council, please contact the Democratic Services and Elections Manager.

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THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE STRATEGY (2024- 2034)

Our vision: To make Guildford borough a thriving place to live, work and do business

Our Corporate Strategy sets out the priorities we want to achieve as we strive to make Guildford borough a thriving place to live, work and do business. It sets out what we will focus on over the next ten years and will inform our strategies, decisions and plans. We are dedicated to making Guildford borough:

- a more sustainable,
- more prosperous and
- a more inclusive place,
- with decent and affordable homes for our residents and tenants;
- we will achieve all of this by ensuring we are a resilient and well-managed council.

Our focus over the ten-year period of the Strategy will be on delivering outcomes that help us to pursue these five strategic priorities.

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