


**Council members –
representatives or delegates?**

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The role of the councillor

Customers of the council...

but also have a responsibility to engage with the Council

Councillors need to encourage citizens to engage and to facilitate that engagement

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The role of the councillor

The councillors balancing act..

I represent my electorate

Or

I have been elected so I have a mandate to act

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The role of the councillor

‘Ward Councillors and Community Leadership ‘

- More proactive and community focussed
- Connectors between council and communities
- Links to strategic service planning
- Impacts on wards

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The role of the councillor

‘Ward Councillors and Community Leadership ‘

- Community engagement
- Advocacy
- Political role
- Local action
- Influence
- Information and intelligence

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The future role

‘Ward Councillors and Community Leadership ‘

- Political representative
- Community advocate
- Community leader
- Service transformer
- Place shaper
- Knowledge champion

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The change agenda



- Time of fundamental change in NI
- Both in strategic and specific issues
- Continuous improvement
- Change is a constant

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