

Discussing the widening role of a councillor and the developing relationship between members and democratic service officers.

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Introduction

- Elected in 2021
- Served on Cabinet as Assistant Portfolio Holder for Community Safety
- Chair of Licensing Committee
- Shortlisted for Young Councillor of the Year
- Sat on the EEHT LGA Board for the last two years
- Co-Founder of the Young Councillor's Association

Outline

- What I believe to be the role of a Councillor
 - How this has changed over the years
- What I believe to be the role of a Democratic Service Officer
 - Provide brief description, if desired.
- How I believe the two roles interact
 - How I believe the two roles could interact better

What I believe to be the role of a Councillor

- Often the first point of call for their residents
- Decision makers
- Policy thinkers
- Political

What I believe to be the role of a Democratic Service Officer

- Often have to resolve the issues for residents
- Decision makers
- Policy thinkers
- Non-political

How I believe the two roles interact

- Similar goals and objectives
- Have different ways of interacting with residents
- Should aid and assist one another
- Both look at the masterplan of the Authority and should pre-empt any problems and plan for the future



How can we improve this relationship?