

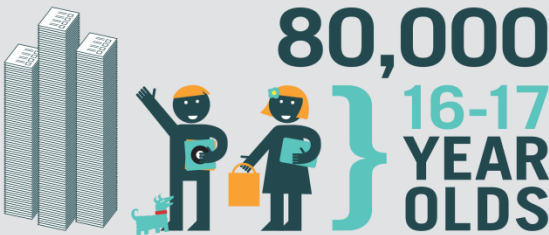
SCOTTISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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These are the first Scotland-wide council elections that 16 and 17 year olds are allowed to vote in.

There are 32 councils in Scotland and 1,227 elected councillors. Each of the 32 councils is divided into smaller areas called wards, with three or four councillors elected in each ward.

Councillors are elected to represent the views of their community on the policies that should be pursued and to help those who may be experiencing difficulties. Councils employ a staff of officers, including teachers, social workers and planning officers to carry out its functions.

Examples of your council's responsibilities:

SOCIAL CARE



EDUCATION



ROADS & PUBLIC TRANSPORT



THE ENVIRONMENT



HOUSING & PLANNING



LEISURE & LIBRARY SERVICES



WASTE MANAGEMENT



If you care about how much money your school or college has to spend, how councils protect and care for the vulnerable and what leisure and library facilities are available, then you should care about registering to vote for the 2017 Scottish council elections.

If you're not already on the electoral register, you need to register to vote by **Monday 17 April** to vote in the 2017 Scottish council elections.

Register to vote online at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

(For more information on councils visit cosla.gov.uk, gov.scot or aberdeencity.gov.uk/lg2017/)

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