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Council make-up

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Blackpool Council comprises of 42 elected members, otherwise called councillors. There are 2 councillors for each of the 21 wards, serving for a period of 4 years.

Councillors can represent a political party or stand independently. Further information including links to political party websites and guidance on registering political parties can be obtained from the [Electoral Commission](#) (a national independent body).

Leader and cabinet

At Blackpool, we operate a leader and cabinet system known as the executive, which is part of the council and is responsible for most day-to-day decisions.

It is made up of a leader and a cabinet of nine other councillors whom the leader has appointed.

The leader of the council has also appointed one of these cabinet members as his deputy.

Each [member of the executive](#) has an area of individual responsibility .

Overall charge

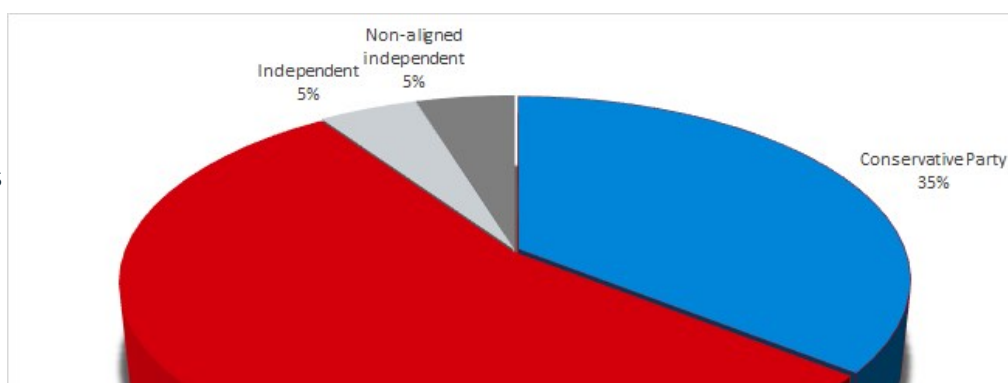
The Labour Party is currently in overall charge of Blackpool Council and the current political make-up of the council is:

Party	Leader and deputy leader
Labour - 23 councillors	Group Leader, Councillor Simon Blackburn Deputy Group Leader, Councillor Gillian Campbell
Conservative - 15 councillors	Group Leader, Councillor Tony Williams Deputy Group Leader, Councillor Don Clapham
Independent - 2 councillors	
Non-aligned Independent - 2 councillors	

Ward councillors represent the local community and can raise issues affecting the area in which they serve.

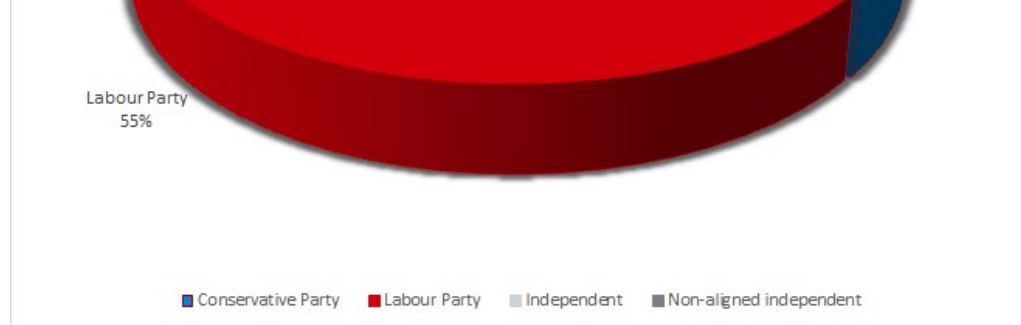
These issues can range from faulty street lights to campaigns for a new community centre.

They serve on the council and its committees and can also act as a representative for the council on other bodies.



Councillors do not receive a salary although they can receive an allowance to help offset expenses or loss of earnings.

You are able to find out more details about [allowances and interests](#).



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