

## **Function Powers & Duties Statutory Provisions**

Allotments	Powers to provide allotments Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, s.23 Duty to provide allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied and if reasonable to do so
Borrowing money	Power for councils to borrow money for their statutory functions or for the prudent management of their financial affairs Local Government Act 2003 Schedule 1, para. 2
Baths (public)	Power to provide public swimming baths Public Health Act 1936,s.221
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire and maintain Open Spaces Act 1906, Sections 9 and 10 Power to provide Local Government Act 1972, s.214 Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries Local Government Act 1972, s.214 (6)
Bus Shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4
Byelaws	Power to make byelaws for: Places of public recreation Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Cycle parks Road Traffic Regulation Act Public swimming baths Public Health Act 1936, s.223 Open spaces and burial grounds Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15 Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Charities	Duties in respect of parochial charities Charities Act 2011, ss.298–303 Power to act as charity trustees Local Government Act 1972,bs.139 (1) Function Powers & Duties Statutory Provisions
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
Closed Churchyards	Powers to maintain Local Government Act 1972, s.215
Commons and common pastures	Powers in relation to inclosure, regulation, management and provision of common pasture Inclosure Act 1845;Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, s.34
Conference facilities	Power to provide and encourage use of facilities Local Government Act 1972, s. 144

Community Centres	<p>Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives Local Government Act 1972 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19</p> <p>Power to acquire, provide and furnish community buildings for public meetings and assemblies Local Government Act 1972, s. 133</p>
Crime Prevention	<p>Power to spend money on crime detection and prevention measures Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 31</p>
Ditches and ponds	<p>Power to drain and maintain ponds and ditches to prevent harm to public health Public Health Act 1936, s.260</p>
Entertainment and the arts	<p>Provision of entertainment and support of the arts Local Government Act 1972 S.145</p>
Environment	<p>Power to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti and offences underdog control orders Clean neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, s.19, s.30, Part 6</p>
General Power of Competence	<p>Power for an eligible council to do anything subject to statutory prohibitions, restrictions and limitations which include those in place before or after the introduction of the general power of competence Localism Act 2011, ss 1–8</p>
Gifts	<p>Power to accept Local Government Act 1972, s.139</p>
Highways	<p>Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridle-ways. Highways Act 1980, ss. 43, 50</p> <p>Power to light roads and public places Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 3; Highways Act 1980, s.301</p> <p>Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motorcycles Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss. 57, 63</p> <p>Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening Highways Act 1980, ss. 30, 72</p> <p>Power to provide roadside seats and shelters Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 1</p> <p>Power to consent to a local highway authority stopping maintenance of a highway or stopping up/ diverting a highway Highways Acts 1980, ss. 47, 116</p> <p>Power to complain to district council about the protection of rights of way and roadside waste Highways Act 1980, s. 130</p> <p>Power to provide certain traffic signs and other notices Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s. 72</p> <p>Power to plant trees and shrubs and to maintain roadside verges Highways Act 1980, s. 96</p> <p>Honorary Titles Power to admit to be honorary freemen/ freewomen of the council's area persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area Local Government Act 1972, s. 249</p>

Investments	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment Trustee Investments Act 1961, s. 11
Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of Local Government Act 1972, ss. 124, 126, 127 Power to accept gifts of land
Litter	Provision of bins Litter Act, 1983, ss. 5, 6
Lotteries	Powers to promote Gambling Act 2005, s. 252, 258
Markets	Power to establish or acquire by agreement markets within the council's area and provide a market place and market building Food Act 1984, s. 50
Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Power to provide mortuaries and post-mortem rooms Public Health Act 1936, s. 198
Neighbourhood Planning	Powers to act as lead body for a neighbourhood development plan or a neighbourhood development order Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9; Town and County Planning Act 1990, ss. 61E-61Q, Schedule 4B; Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, s. 38A
Newsletter	Power to provide information relation to matters affecting local government Local Government Act 1972, s. 142
Nuisances	Power to deal with offensive ditches Public Health Act 1936, s. 260
Open spaces	Power to acquire and maintain land for public recreation Public health Act 1875, s. 164 Power to acquire and maintain land for open spaces Open spaces act 1906, ss. 9 and 10
Parish Property and documents	Power to receive and retain Local Government Act 1972, s. 226 Duty to deposit certain published works in specific deposit libraries Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003, s. 1
Public buildings and village hall	Power to acquire and provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies Local Government Act 1972, s. 133
Public Conveniences	Power to provide Public Health Act 1936, s. 87
Recreation	Power to provide a wide range or recreational facilities Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s. 19 Provision of boating pools Public Health Act 1961, s. 54
Right to challenge services that are provided by a principal authority	The right to submit an interest in running a service provided by a district, county or unitary authority Localism Act 2011, ss. 81–86

Right to nominate and bid for assets of community value	The right to nominate assets to be added to a list of assets of community value and the right to bid to buy a listed asset when it comes up for sale Localism Act 2011, ss. 87–108
Town and Country Planning	Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched. 1, para.8
Tourism	Power to encourage tourism to the council's area Local Government Act 1972, s. 144
Traffic Calming	Power to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 30
Transport	Powers to spend money on community transport schemes Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s. 26–29
War memorials	Power to maintain, repairs, protect and adapt war memorials War Memorials (Local Authorities' Power) Act 1923, s. 1
Water	Power to utilise wells, springs or streams for obtaining water Public Health Act 1936, s. 125
Websites	Power for councils to have their own websites Local Government Act 1972, s.142