

Worksheet 1.19a: The importance of local services

- a) Fire and public safety
- b) Play areas
- c) Planning (who builds where)
- d) Dealing with rubbish
- e) Bus shelters
- f) Education
- g) Housing
- h) Libraries
- i) Trading standards (whether things are sold fairly)
- j) Transport
- k) Social care (e.g. supporting the elderly)
- l) Council tax collection
- m) Community centres
- n) Public clocks
- o) Allotments
- p) Grants for local groups

1. In your opinion, which council services listed above are the most important? Write the letters in order, from most important to least important, on the line below.

Most important	Least important

2. Now imagine you're a 90-year-old blind person. Will your number order change? How?

Most important	Least important

3. Now imagine you're a 35-year-old parent with seven children. Will your number order change? How?

Most important	Least important

Worksheet 1.19b: How do local councils represent the community?

Solve the anagrams in the sentences below.

1. In some parts of the country there are county councils as well as city, borough or **[icdsirtt]** councils.

Answer = _____

2. A local council is made up of councillors. Councillors represent their community because they have been **[ltedeec]** into their role by local people.

Answer = _____

3. Local elections usually run every four years. Most over-18s are allowed to vote, as long as they have **[stegidrere]**.

Answer = _____

4. Each political party hopes to get as many councillors elected as possible. There are also **[dennipdeten]** candidates who wish to be elected.

Answer = _____

5. Councils run **[bpicul]** meetings. These let local citizens find out in person which important issues are being discussed.

Answer = _____

6. It wouldn't be sensible for MPs to spend time discussing every bus shelter, park and school in the country. That's why local councils are given the power to make local **[ioisndesc]**.

Answer = _____

7. Councillors represent their **[tiesmcuomni]** at important meetings with police officers, headteachers, the Highways Authority and so on.

Answer = _____

8. Some large areas are split into 'metropolitan boroughs'. It makes sense that council decisions in **[ndnLoo]** happen differently from council decisions in small villages.

Answer = _____

9. You can easily find out how council services are being run in your **[raae]** at the moment, by going online.

Answer = _____

10. The more **[negerstea]** who plan to be part of their local council when they're older, the better. Why not run for local election when you're 18? You could take part in your local Youth Council in the meantime.

Answer = _____