**Worksheet 1.20b: Other roles in local councils**

Read the statements in the table below and tick ‘True’ or ‘False’.



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| **Statement** | **TRUE** | **FALSE** |
| **1.** Local government officers work in council departments. They have specialisms suitable for their departments. One might have a lot of knowledge about health, for example, while another might have expertise in IT, housing or tourism. |  |  |
| **2.** Local government officers are elected by the public through general elections. |  |  |
| **3.** Local government officers help councillors and other council workers to deliver agreed solutions to local problems. |  |  |
| **4.** Local government officers have to be members of a political party. |  |  |
| **5.** Local government officers are paid. |  |  |
| **6.** The local mayor can override decisions made by the council’s Chief Executive. |  |  |
| **7.** The paid Chief Executive of a council is responsible for overseeing the council’s activities. This is a very important and challenging job. |  |  |
| **8.** A council’s cabinet members always come from lots of different political parties. |  |  |
| **9.** Council committees (for example, Employee Appeals Committee) are groups of people with expertise about a particular issue. |  |  |
| **10.** Every council across the country has exactly the same departments and exactly the same number of local government officers. |  |  |

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