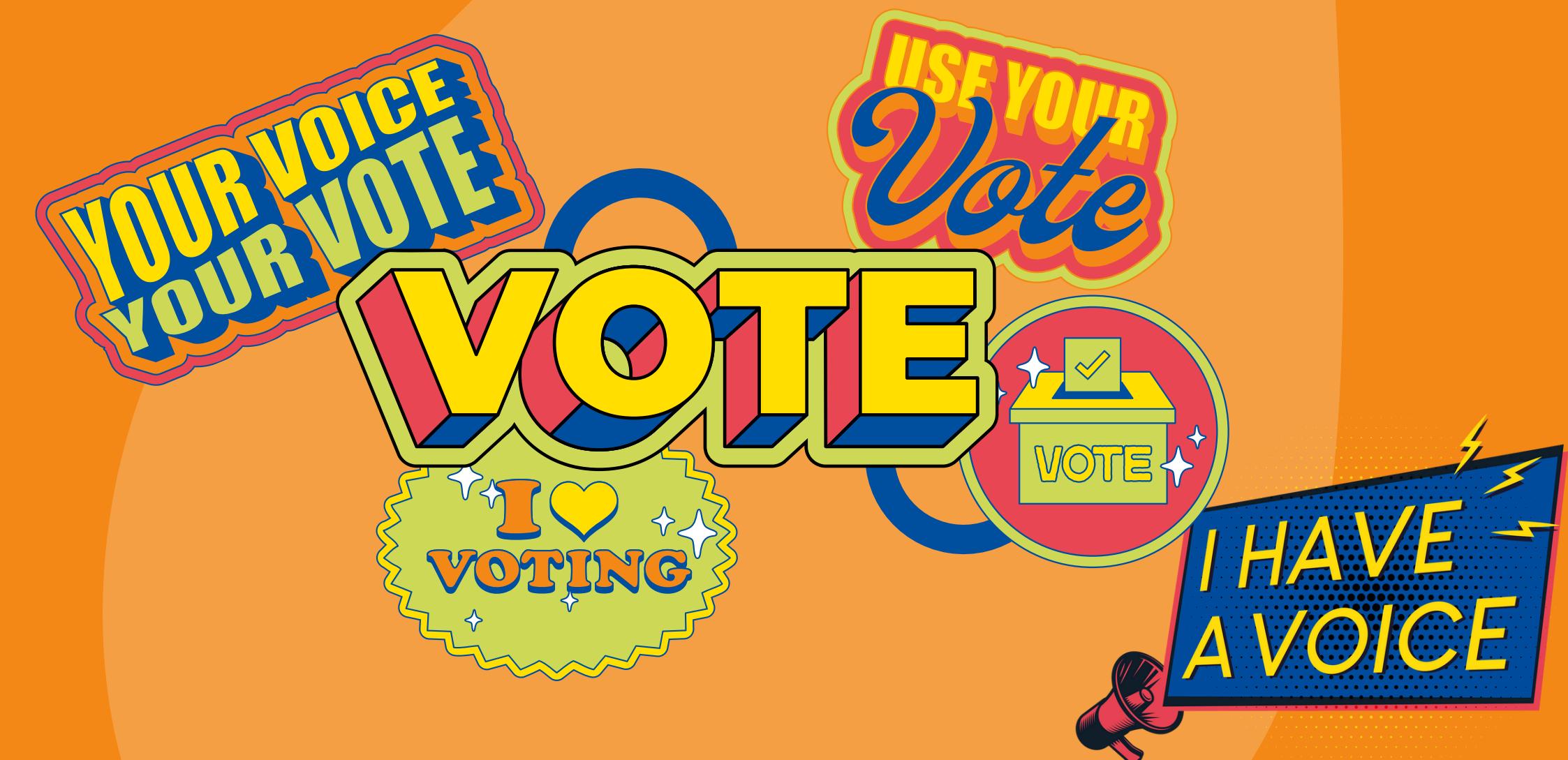


# Local democracy



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# MPs versus Councillors

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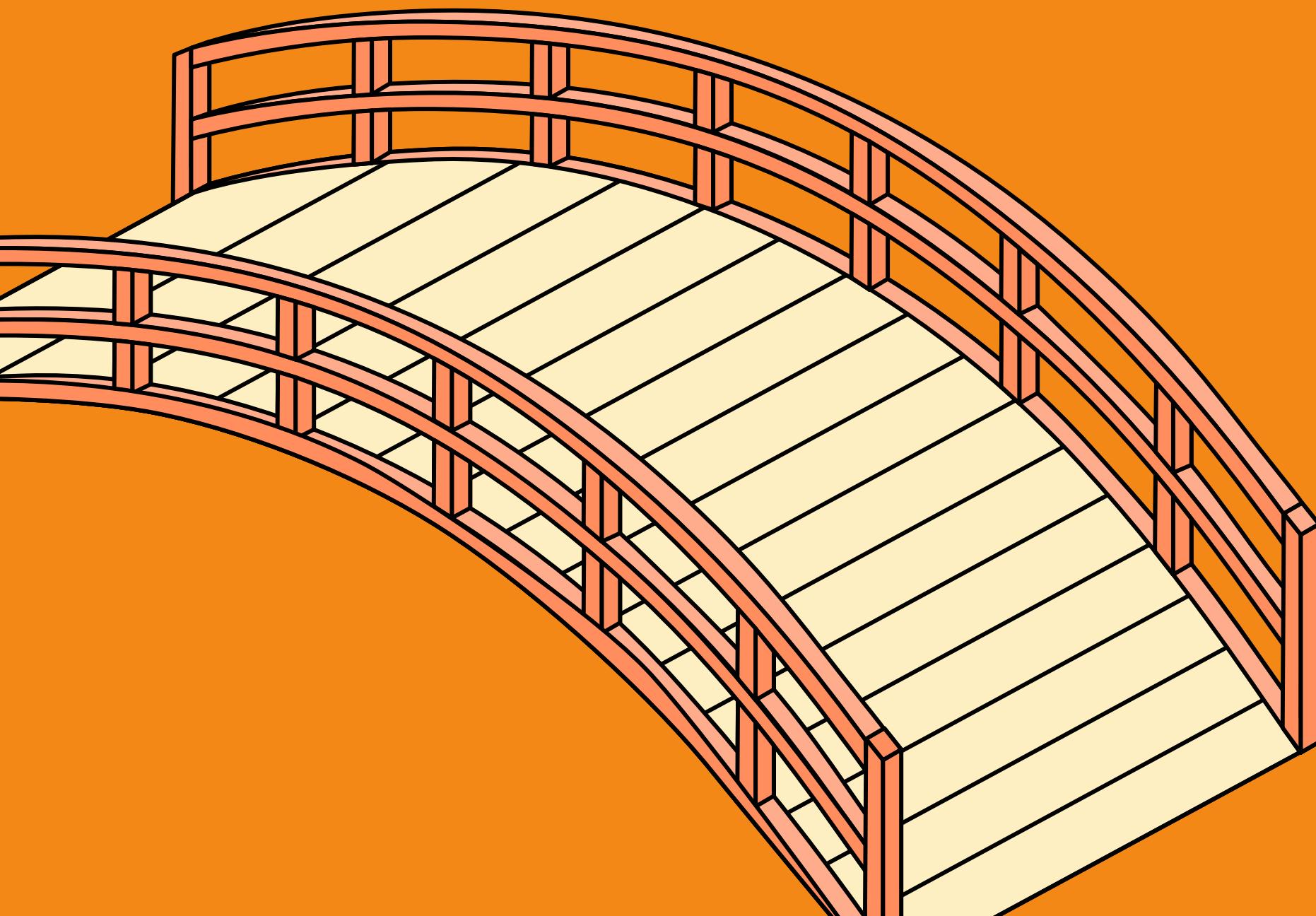
MPs work on local  
and UK-wide  
issues.

Councillors  
represent about  
8,000 people.

Councillors  
focus on local  
issues .



# How do local councillors support democracy?



A councillor's primary role is to represent the people.

Councillors provide a bridge between the community and the council. They do this by speaking up on behalf of local residents and they keep you informed about decisions that are being made about the issues that affect and matter to you.



# Why does local democracy matter?

Local communities are important for democracy.

Democracy means citizens have a choice about who represents their areas views to the Council.

Democracy supports (but does not always achieve) equal rights for all citizens.

Democracy provides a system to deal with a range of different views in the decision-making process.



# What services do I need to live?

How do you  
get to school?

Where do you  
spend your free  
time?

Where do you  
buy your food?

What happens to  
your rubbish?



# What are local councils responsible for?

Children's services e.g. youth centres, secure accommodation, foster care.

Social housing

Libraries

Encouraging tourism

Leisure centres, sports facilities, parks

Bin collection and recycling

Public transport

Maintaining roads

Support for older people and people with disabilities

Supporting high streets



# What do you like about where you live?

What do you really like about your area?



What do you think could be made better?



# Thank you!



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