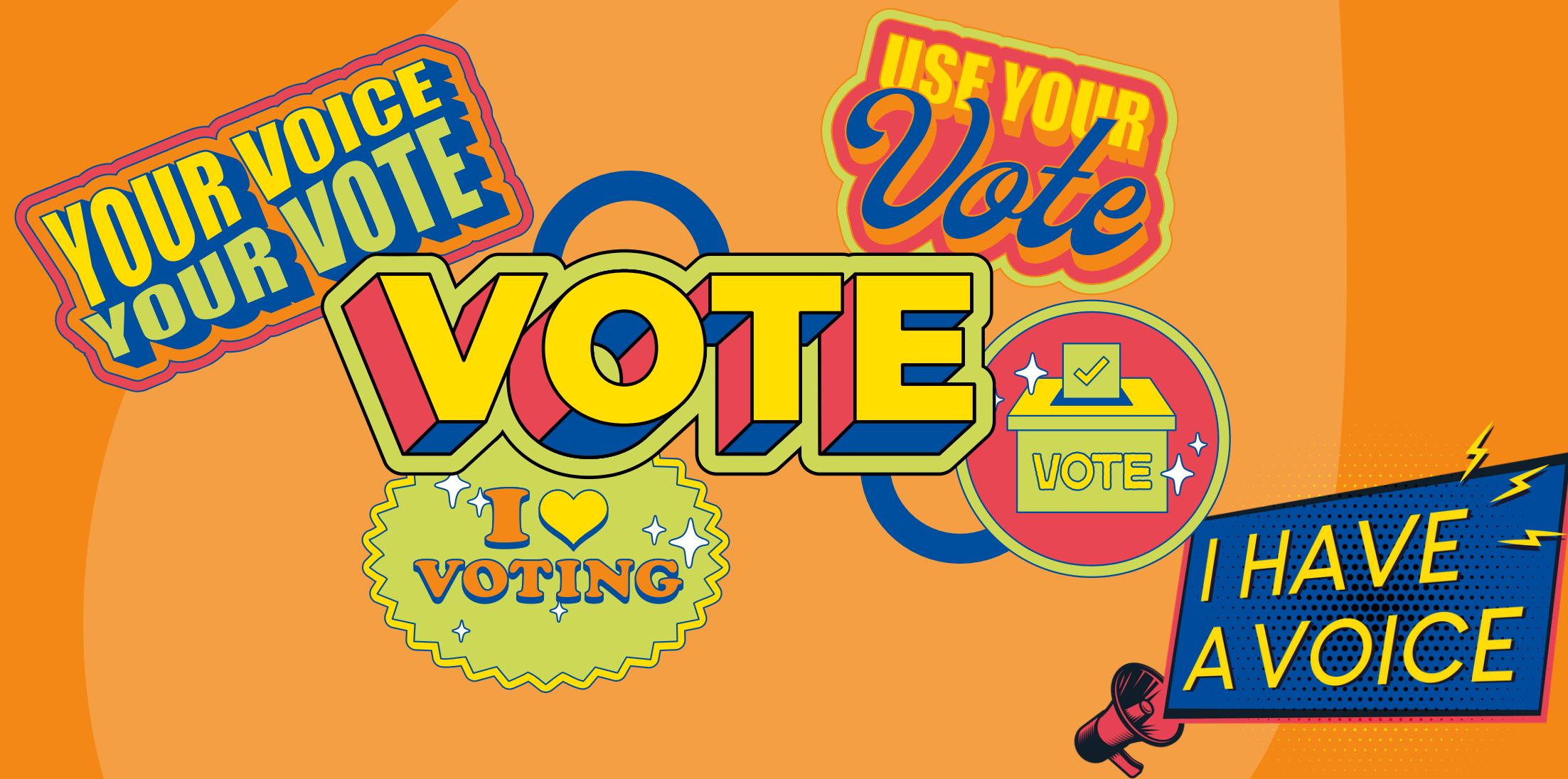


Local democracy



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MPs versus Councillors

MPs represent about 92,000 people.

MPs work on local and UK-wide issues.

Councillors represent about 8,000 people.

Councillors focus on local issues.

I HAVE A VOICE



How do local councillors support democracy?

A councillor's primary role is to represent the people in their local area. Councillors provide a bridge between the community and the council. They do this by speaking up on behalf of local residents about issues affecting the community.



Why does local democracy matter?

Democracy means citizens have a choice about who represents them.

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

Local communities are important for democracy.

Local democracy means having a say on what you want for your local area, and who makes these decisions.



What council provided services do I use?

How do you get to school?

Where do you spend your free time?

Where do you buy your food?

What happens to your rubbish?

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Local councillors' responsibilities

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



Social housing



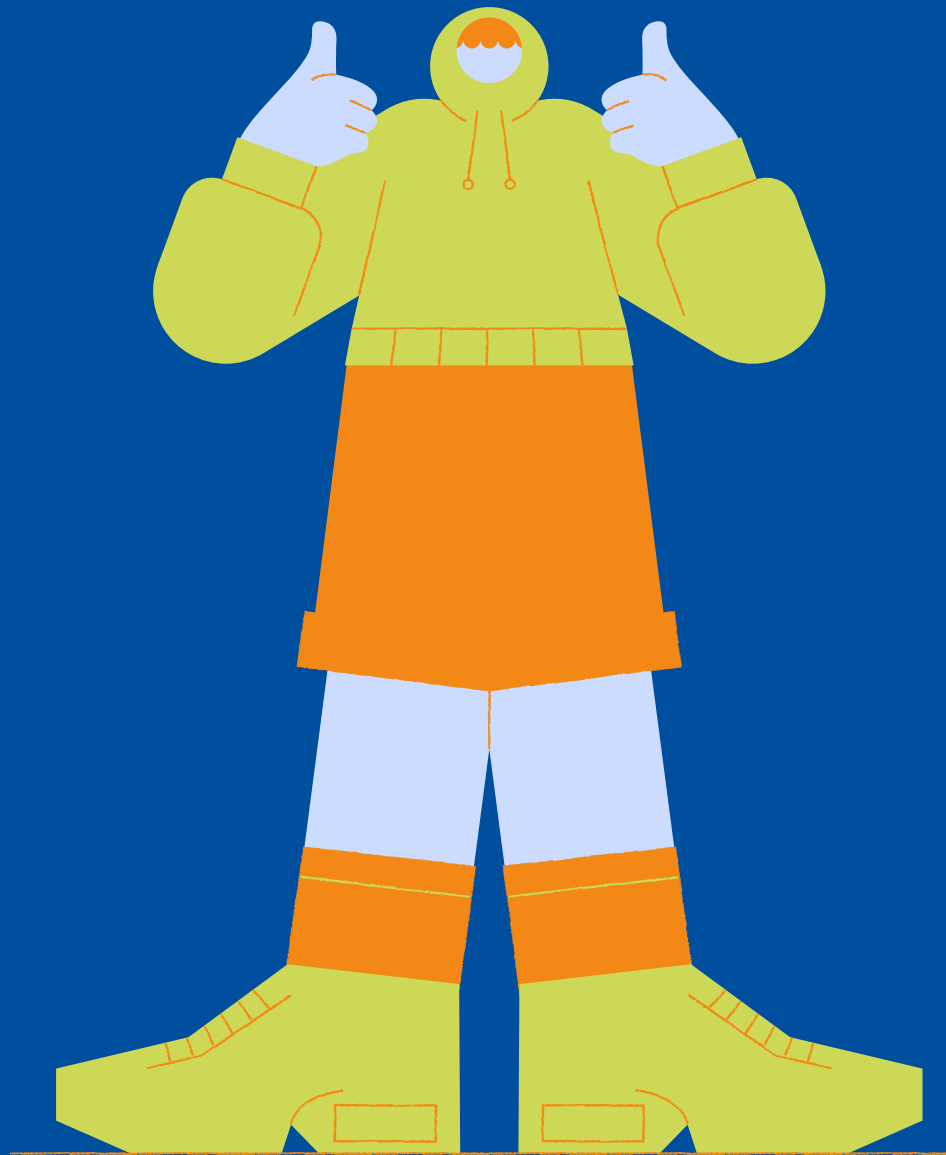
Leisure centres,
sports facilities,
parks



Encouraging tourism



Supporting
high streets



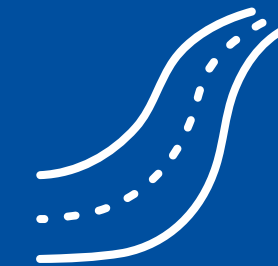
Bin collection and recycling



Public transport



Maintaining roads



Support for older people
and people with disabilities



Libraries

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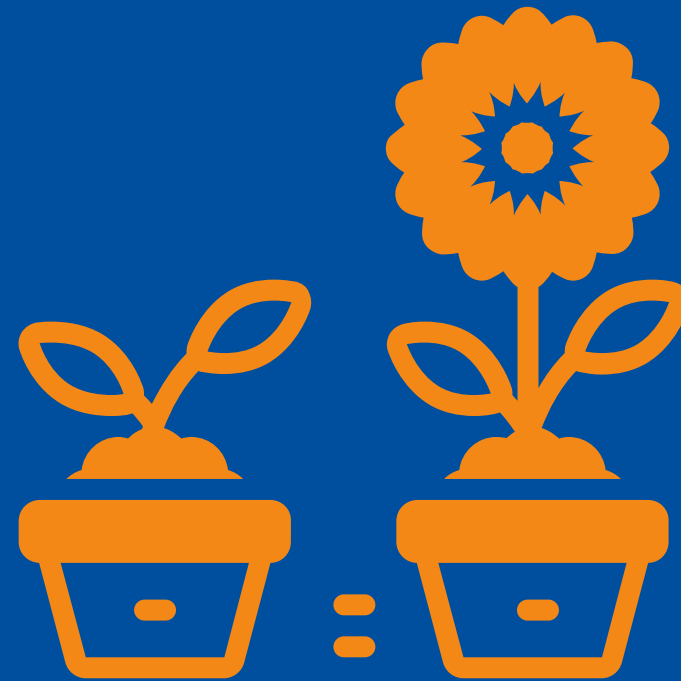


What do you like about where you live?

What do you really like about your area?



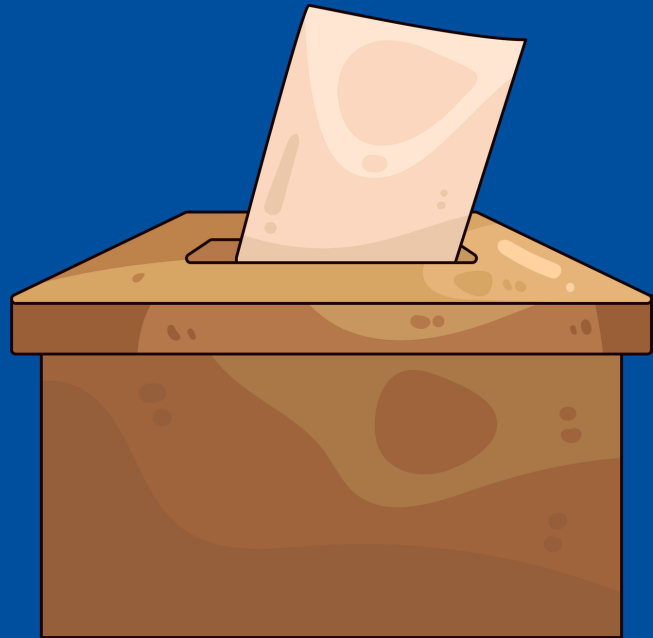
What do you think could be made better?



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Why does voting in local elections matter?



Voting matters because...

If people don't vote...



**YOUR
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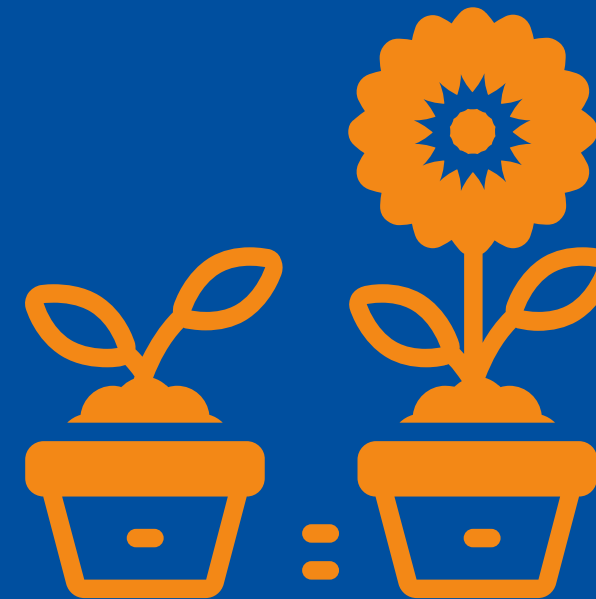
What is 1 thing you could do to create change in your community or to get involved in your local democracy?

Volunteer or join a local community group

Register to vote (age 16) or vote (age 18)

Organise an event e.g. litter pick

Contact your councillor



Register to vote



Feedback form



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