



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Your Representatives



Scottish Parliament

Council

UK Parliament

Your Representatives

If you live in Scotland, you elect representatives for:



The Scottish Parliament



Councils



The UK Parliament



These are separate organisations and they have different responsibilities.

This leaflet provides more information on your representatives, including the subject areas on which they represent you and how you can contact them.

You may also have representation on a community council for the area in which you live. Community councils represent the community to the local authority (council). More information can be accessed at www.communitycouncils.scot.

If you are not sure who to contact about an issue, Public Information at the Scottish Parliament will be happy to advise you.

The Scottish Parliament

The Scottish Parliament makes laws on a range of issues affecting Scotland.

You have eight Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs): one for your local area (the constituency) and seven for the wider parliamentary region. You can approach any of the eight.



Find out who your MSPs are by using the postcode search on the [Scottish Parliament's website](#) or by contacting [Public Information](#).

Your MSPs can help you if you have concerns about a matter such as:



Education



Law and order



Health and social services



Transport



Housing policy



Some aspects of welfare

UK Parliament

The UK Parliament makes laws for the whole UK.



You have one Member of Parliament (MP) in the House of Commons in London.



Find out who your MP is by using the postcode search on the front of the [UK Parliament website](#) or by contacting the [House of Commons Enquiry Service](#).

Your MP can help you if you have concerns about a matter such as:



Constitution



Defence



Employment



Foreign policy



Immigration



Welfare

Council

Councils (also known as local authorities) deliver a wide range of public services in your local area.

You have three or four councillors for your local area. You can approach any of them.



Find out who your councillors are on your local council website or by contacting your council. Council contact details are available from the [Convention of Scottish Local Authorities \(COSLA\)](#).

Your councillors can help you if you have concerns about the delivery of a local public service such as:



Education services



Electoral registration



Parks and leisure services



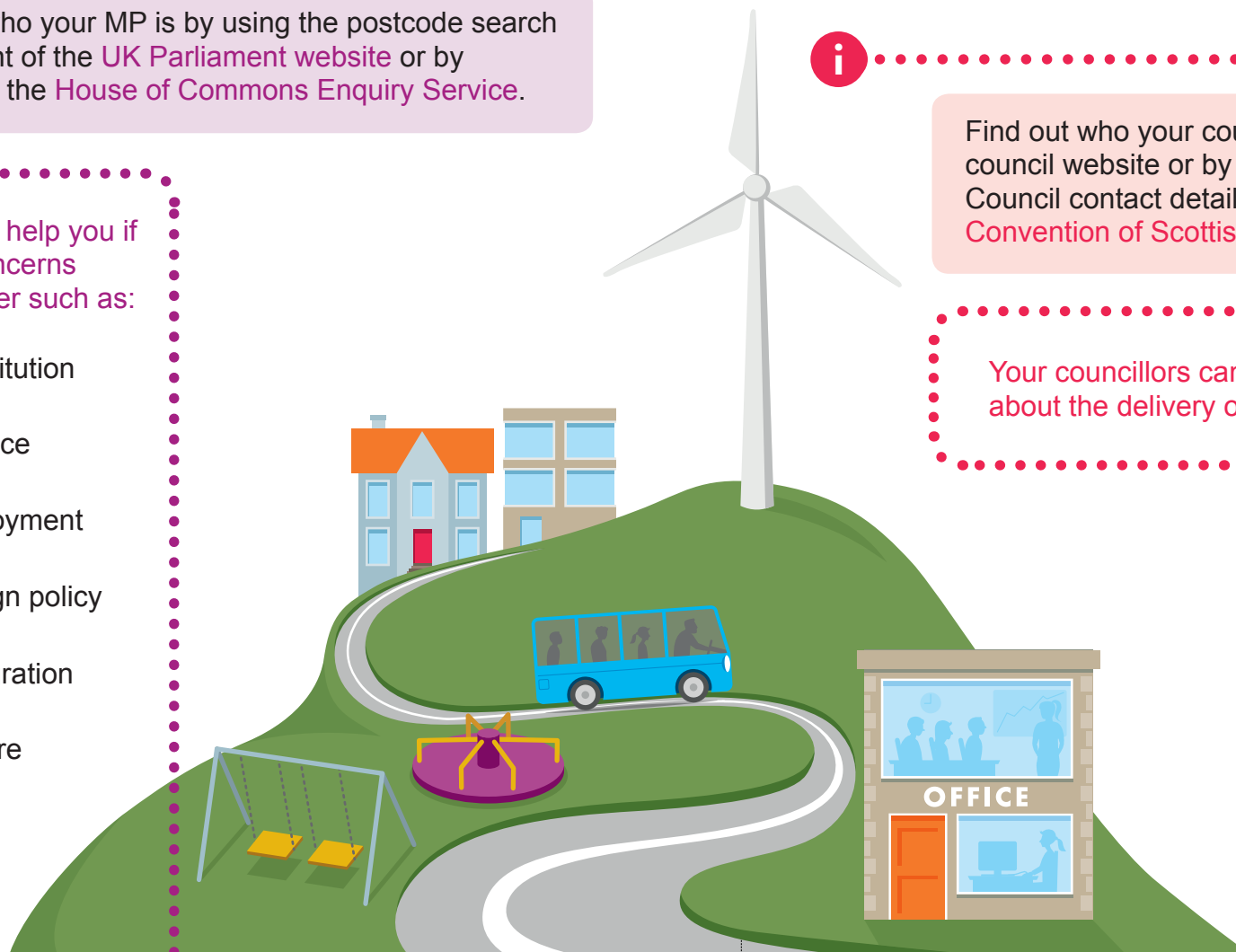
Planning decisions and licensing



Social care



Waste and recycling




Contact details

Information




Scottish Parliament

 0800 092 7500 or
0131 348 5000

 parliament.scot

UK Parliament

 0800 112 4272

 parliament.uk

Council

(contact details are available from COSLA)

 0131 474 9200

 cosla.gov.uk

Public Information

This leaflet includes only some of the matters that your representatives deal with. For more information on the Scottish Parliament or advice on who to contact about an issue, please get in touch.



parliament.scot/live-chat



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