

A Directly Elected Mayor

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In May 2015 there will be an election for a Directly Elected Mayor in Copeland. This page tells you lots about that process and we will update it as we get nearer to the election.

Copeland will be the first borough in Cumbria to have a directly elected mayor.

The mayoral election will be held on 7 May 2015 in conjunction with the parliamentary general election and the local elections (Copeland Borough Council and parish councils).

Preparations

In preparing for the mayoral election, we sought advice from the Local Government Association to find the best ways of doing things. We have been on fact finding visits to two local authorities which have successfully established the mayoral system.

We are running working groups to help us prepare for this new system.

We're focussing on: training and support for staff and councillors; what changes we need to make to our constitution; what the budget implications are; and providing information for residents and potential candidates.

What this will mean for local people?

Unlike the more traditional civic mayors we have had in the past, directly elected mayors have wide decision-making powers, similar to those of a council leader.

This is a new system for Copeland, and the first in Cumbria - between now and the election we will be helping people find out more about the role of a Directly Elected Mayor.

This site will be updated with all the latest facts, news and developments. For information about the voting process and other elections taking place on 7 May 2015, please visit our [elections webpage](#) [3].

We have put together a list of important [questions](#) [4] about the DEM that you might find helpful.

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