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Under Unitary State System, how does the local government system works in the UK?

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Introduction: Brief Overview that
under unitary state system
how local government operates
in UK:

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I strongly believe in
Local Government
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Cheuk Fleischmann

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The words of Chuck Fleischmann affirm that with out strong local government system, it's always hard for the country to provide the community services at grassroot levels. Seeing the importance of local government, the United Kingdom also introduced the concept of local government under the control of devolved parliaments, including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The core function of each local system is to provide basic services and helps to strengthen the democracy at bottom level.

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Understanding the basic mechanism through which the local government operates at grassroot levels:

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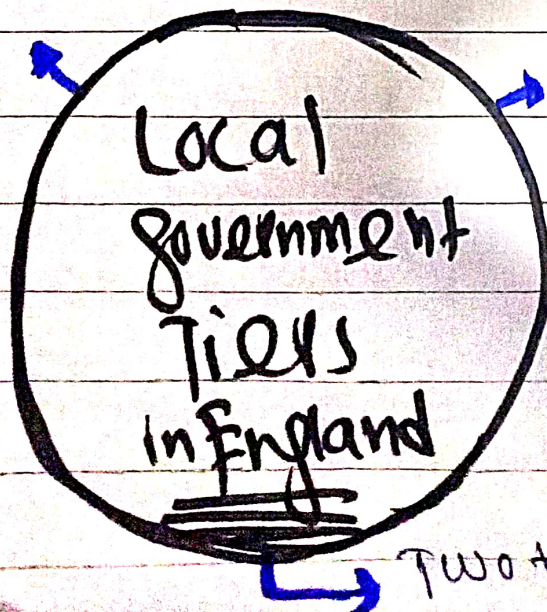
Local government mechanism in England:

Unlike Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, there is no basic local system concepts in England. The system comes direct under the supervision of the UK's government.

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Division of England's Local system in different tiers:

London Borough system.



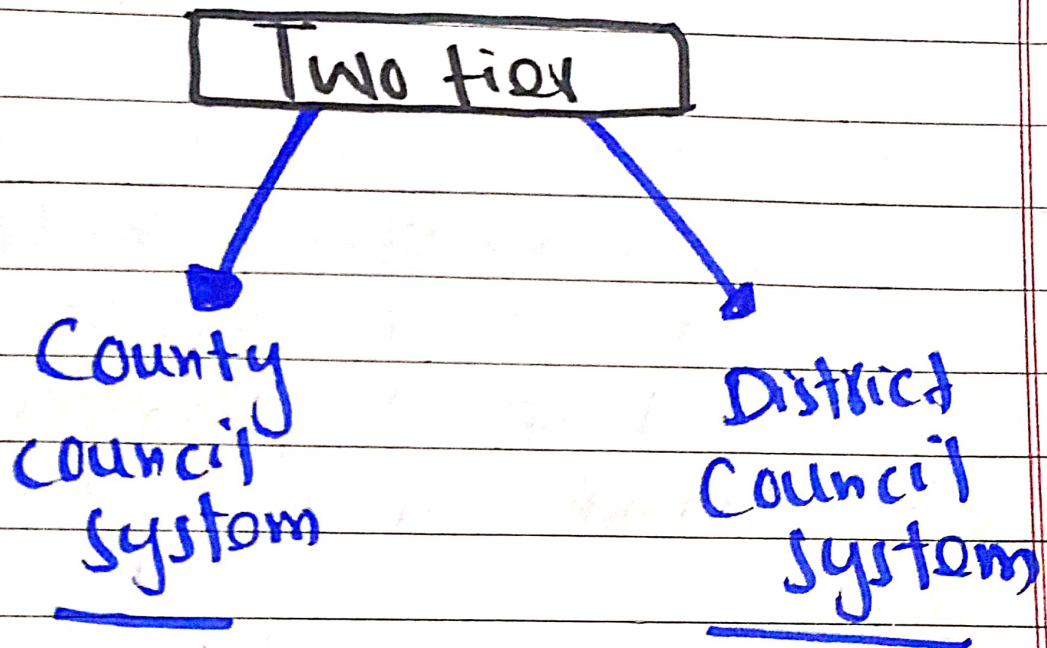
Unitary Authority

Two tier local system

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Two tier Local system in England's

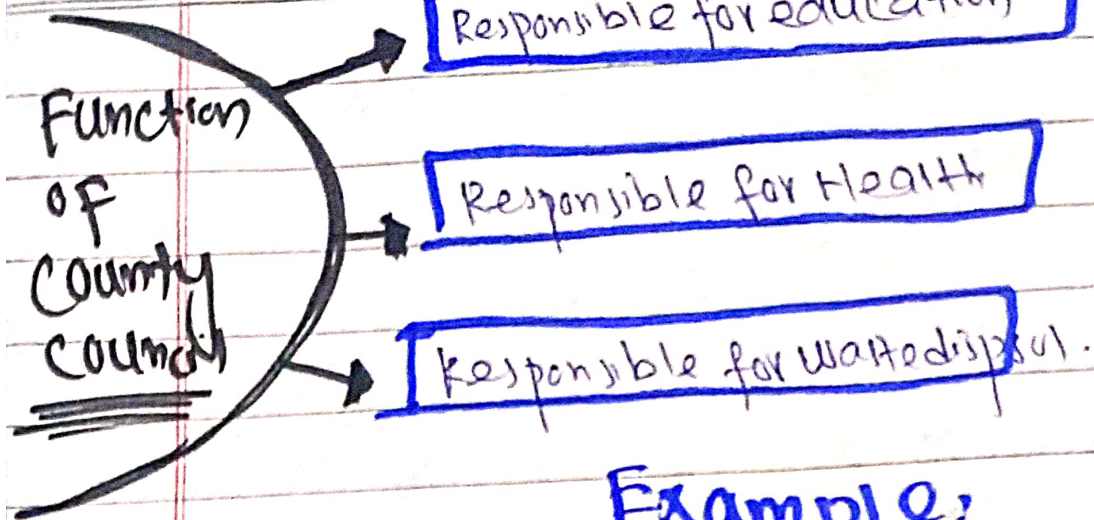
Two tier local system operates
in Rural areas of England.
it is divided into two tiers:



(a.1) County Council system

County council system is responsible
to manage the following areas
of rural areas:

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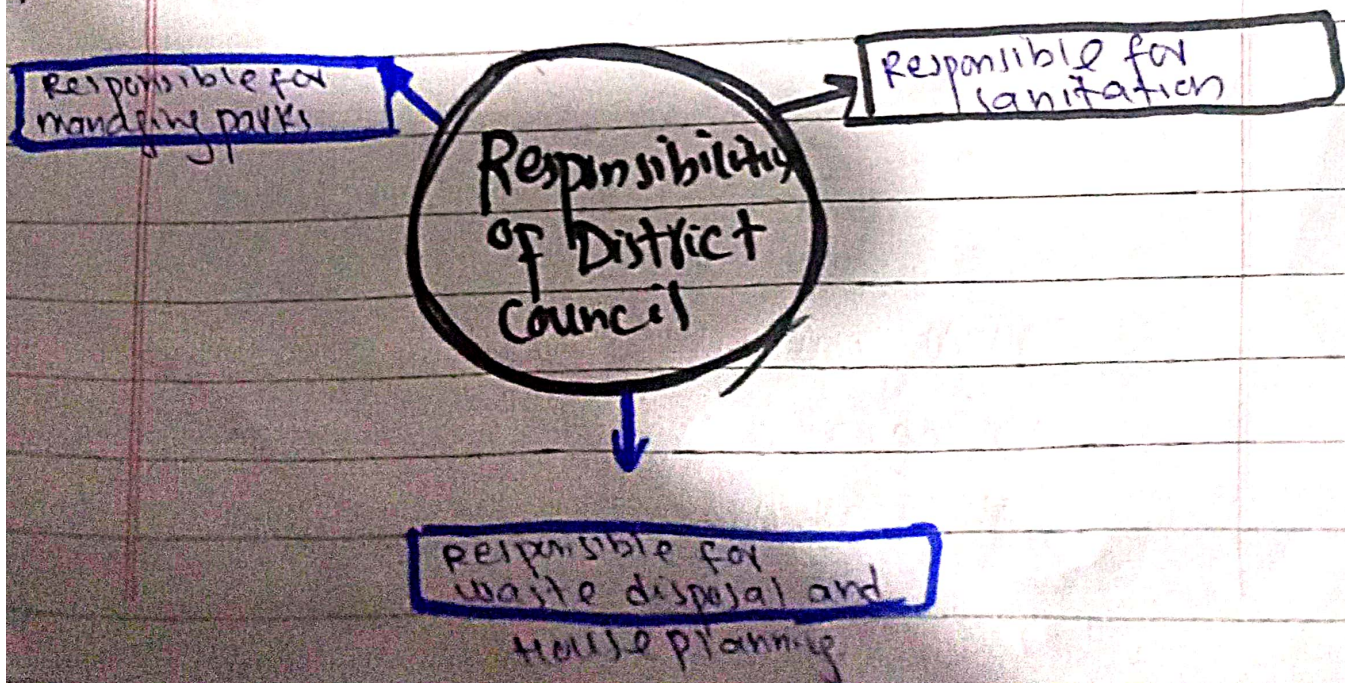


Example,
Kent County Council
system.

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District Council System

District Council system is
responsible for following duties:



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Example 2.

Canterbury council system

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Unitary Authority — in England's local System:

Unitary Authority is responsible for managing affairs in urban areas. It is single tier and performs all those functions which are performed by two tier local government system.

Example.

Bristol council System

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London and Metropolitan Boroughs in England:

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Large cities are function by boroughs system. Under this system all the functions are performed which discussed above.

(2-5) Local government mechanism in Scotland:

In devolved parliamentary system, the Scotland's government has given authority to local government to strengthen the roots of democracy at grassroot level.

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producer followed
in Scotland's
Local government to
provide services
delivery across the
regions

In Scotland, local system the
single tier authority work.

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This single tier is responsible to regulate all the necessary functions. Scotland has total 32 county council system.

(a.1) Functions of Scotland's Local government System:

1. → Manage the sanitation system
2. → Responsible for education.
3. → Responsible for waste disposal.
4. → Responsible for housing planning
5. → Responsible for Healthcare facilities.

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Local government mechanism in Wales:

Wales has total 22 council.
it performs the same functions
as like as the Scotland's local
system. it is also a single tier
system.

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Northern Ireland's local government Mechanism:

Northern Ireland's local government has also one tier system. it has total 14 council. Over and above, it is weak local government as compared to Scotland and Wales. because education, health, like policies are controlled by **Irish executive**.

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Mechanism through which the funds are given to local governments.

Local governments get grants from UK under **Brenett formula**. Additionally, they collect funds through

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different taxes. Additionally, they are funded by their devolved parliaments.

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First Minister in

Different local governments
after 2024 local
elections in U.K:

Scotland	Yousaf.
Wales	Dŷon Idris
Northern Ireland	Michelle O'Neill

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Weakness of U.K
Local government
Network:

Followings are the weakness:

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Political
Fragmentation:

political fragmentation
has been challenging
the UK local
system for long
time ago.

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Fiscal
Devolution

Lack of funds are
impacting on the
work of local
government.

3)

Westminster
Model

Westminster model

some time overrule

its power over local

governments power.

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Comparison of Pakistan's Local Government System Versus UK Local Government System:

After 18 Amendment, the

responsibility of local elections is
given to provincial governments.

However, no election has been conducted

across different parts of Pakistan.

On the other hand, UK has recently
conducted elections in 2024. Over

and above, allocation of funds is

also a major problem in Pakistan
local system. However, as compare

to Pakistan, UK provides a good
amount of funds to its local governments.

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Conclusion

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The UK has local government system which is responsible for the strengthening of democracy to its bottom level. However, it has some weakness which need to be regarded for efficient progress. The words of **Alex - P - Tocqueville** resonate perfectly here,

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Local government is not only school of democracy, but also a safe guard against the tyranny of centralized power.

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