

Information på engelska

County Council activities

The County Council is responsible for health and medical care, dental care, disability operations and public health measures for those residing in the county. The County Council orders and also finances public transport by bus and train between the county's municipal centre and across county borders. These activities are non-profit-making and financed exclusively by public funding and care fees. The County Council's responsibilities are outlined in the Swedish Health and Medical Service Act: "Health and medical services are aimed at assuring the entire population of good health and of care on equal terms. Care shall be provided with respect for the equal dignity of all human beings and for the dignity of the individual. Priority for health and medical care shall be given to those whose need of care is greatest".

Visions and goals

The County Council plan, i.e., the Assembly planning document, specifies the vision, directional goals and strategies for the planned period.

The County Council's vision has high aspirations: "By 2020, Västerbotten will have the best healthcare in the world and the world's healthiest population."

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Politicians have established the following four directional goals for the County Council:

- Improved and equal health
- Good and equal care
- Active and innovative partners
- Attractive employers

The County Council is divided into four county-wide operational areas: primary healthcare, service, dental care and hospital care.

Elected politicians are in control

Västerbotten County Council is a politically run organisation that geographically coincides with the county. Its activities are ultimately controlled, through general elections, by the residents of Västerbotten. The elected representatives govern the County Council activities based on a clear division of responsibilities between politicians and officials. This division of responsibility is clarified in the County Council regulations. Politicians govern by establishing goals for the County Council and deciding which direction they want operations to take. Governance involves determining economic frameworks and other terms. Another important aspect is to monitor goals and operations as well as to follow up on how citizens' needs are being met. There are eight political parties in the County Council Assembly. Social Democrats (30 seats), Moderate Party (9), Left Party (9), Centre Party (6), Liberal Party (6), Christian Democrats (4), Green Party (4) and Sweden Democrats (3).

Political committees

The political committees – primarily the health and medical care committee, the committees for public health and primary care, as well as the committee for disability and habilitation – constitute important links between citizens and politicians. These committees assess the health situation and the need for health, medical and dental care. They also assess how the population perceives that their needs are being met. The committees submit supporting documentation to the County Council Assembly, prior to decisions by the Assembly regarding the County Council plan and other governing documents. The committees also cooperate with municipalities, patient organisations and others.

Contact your politicians

Contact information for the County Council's elected representatives can be found at www.vll.se.

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