



## **SOCIAL STUDIES:      STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

- Each village usually has a headman.
- Along with the elders, the headman settles disputes and organizes things that to be done in the village.
- Headmen are sometimes also called community leaders.
- Some villages have chiefs. A chief leads several headmen and women in the community.
- Each district has a district council, district councillors are voted for in local elections every five years.
- They are responsible for looking after peoples' basic needs in the area.
- Each district is divided into wards.
- The people who live in a ward elect the councillor for their wards.
- Cities such as Livingstone and Ndola have city councils.
- Each large town such as Kabwe and Chingola has a municipal council.
- The Mayor is the leader of the council.
- Civil servants live and work throughout Zambia's provinces and carry out administration for the government, often at local and national level.

### **FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

- The job of the government is to provide for the basic needs of the people in the local area.
- Maintaining roads and building new ones.
- Supplying clean water.
- Fire services.
- Health services.
- Removing rubbish