

John Flanagan was elected Councillor for Govan in 1999 and at the time was a Chemist with BP Chemicals employed in the research applied technology department specialising in polyethylene development. He held the post of Vice Chair of Govan Initiative for a couple of years. Re-elected in 2003 John became the Council's spokesperson on Community Councils and Convener of the Community Council Working Group. He is a Trustee of Govan Law Centre and Chair of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund Scotland who hosted the 2006 Glasgow Premiere of the James Bond Film Casino. Royale. He also sits on the management committee of Govan Housing Association.

Since being re-elected in May 2007 John has been appointed Chair of the Govan & Craigton Community Planning Board. In addition to his chemistry degree he also holds an LLb (law degree) and a postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice). John is a part time chemistry lecturer in addition to his council duties.