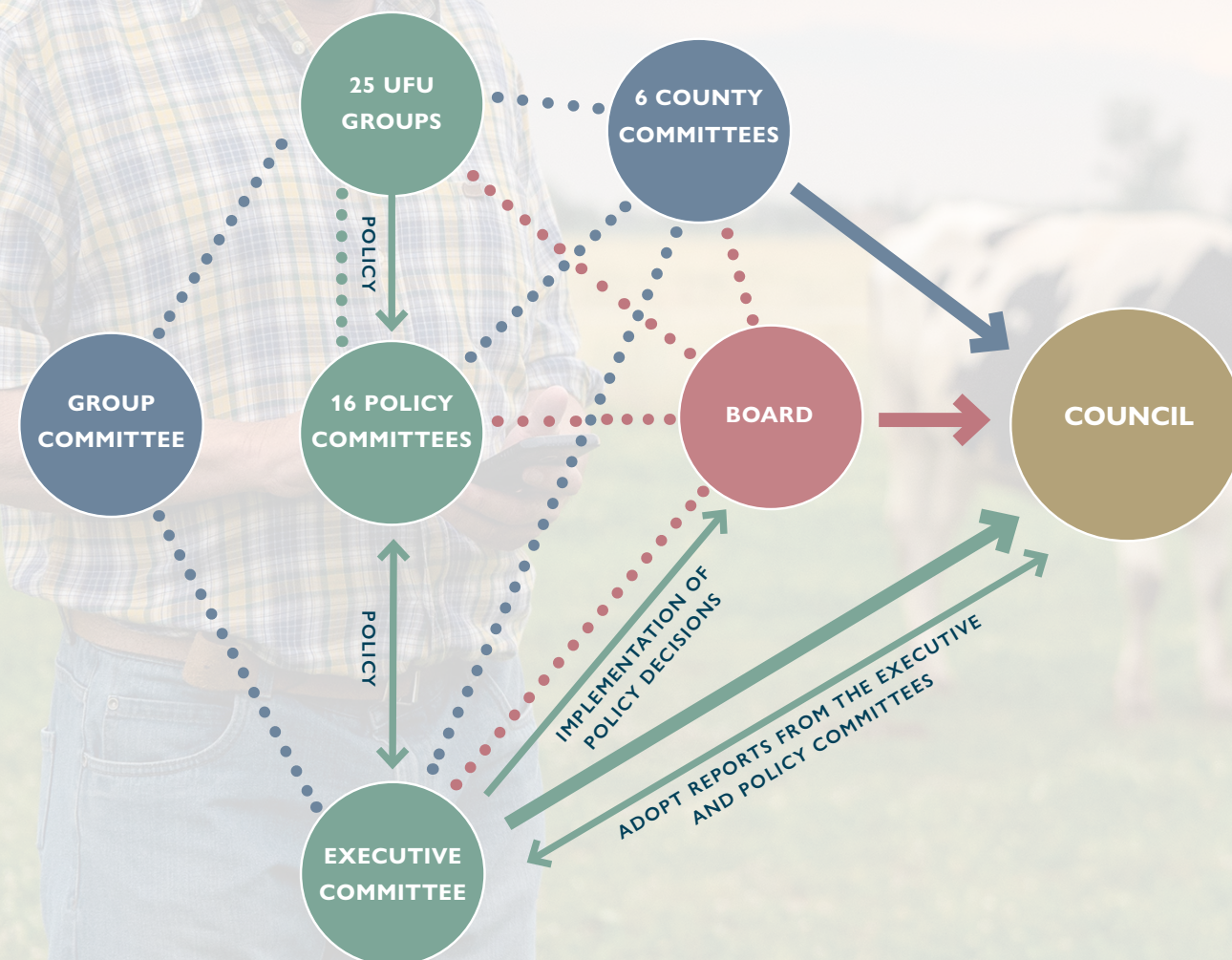




Democratic Structure of the Ulster Farmers' Union

The UFU is governed by its Constitution and Rules, which establish several bodies responsible for its overall governance and administration.



This diagram visually summarises the organisational structure and decision-making process of the Ulster Farmers' Union. The Union follows a grassroots member-driven, bottom-up approach, with each committee and body fulfilling specific responsibilities while remaining interlinked to support cohesive governance and clear policy direction.

These committees enable focused policy information, communication and development, representative decision-making, and consistent upward reporting. At the foundation, UFU Groups and Group Committees ensure members' views are gathered and considered at the local level, feeding into County Committees, Policy Committees, and the Executive Committee. Group Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, and other elected representatives serve on several internal structures to ensure clear communication and cohesion throughout the organisation.

The Executive provides strategic oversight and decides on Union policy, supported by specialist Policy Committees who develop and review policies within their areas. The Board manages day-to-day operations and implements the policy decisions set by the Executive. All Union office holders, including the President and Deputy Presidents, offer visible leadership and external representation, safeguarding the Union's interests across all forums.

Arrows in the diagram depict how policy moves from initial discussion and development at the committee level, through the Executive and Board, and ultimately to the Council for final approval where necessary, providing both transparency and accountability in governance. The Council acts as the supreme authority, adopting reports, electing Office Bearers, approving rule changes, and overseeing the overall direction of the Union.

This layered approach ensures that policies are developed collaboratively and that every member's voice can contribute to the Union's direction and priorities. By clearly illustrating the flow of dialogue, reporting, and responsibility, the diagram demonstrates how the UFU's governance structure remains transparent, accountable, and responsive to its members at every stage.