

## **Eligibility**

You have to be:

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;
- and
- on the “relevant date” (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over;
- and additionally:
- on the “relevant day” a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand;
- or
- have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
  - have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area;
- or
- during that 12 month period resided in the council area.

In the case of a sitting member of a parish or community council you can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the “relevant day”.

You cannot stand for election if you

- are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- you work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).