

## District Council – standing as a candidate

There are a number of qualifications that you have to meet before you can stand for election to the District Council and these are outlined below.

Full details can be found on the [Electoral Commission website](#).

Please note that the following is intended as an introductory guide only. You should also consult the latest guidance for local Government candidates issued by the Electoral Commission and you should read the contents of the nomination pack issued by the Returning Officer for greater detail.

To qualify to be a candidate for a local election, on the day of nomination and on the day of the election you must be:

- aged 18 years or over;
- and either a UK or Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Irish Republic, or a citizen of a member state of the EU.

In addition, you must meet at least one of the following:

- on the day of nomination and on the day of the election you are and thereafter you continue to be registered as a voter in the district;
- for the whole of twelve months before the day of nomination and the day of the election you have occupied any land or other premises as owner or tenant in the district;
- for the whole of twelve months before the day of nomination and the day of the election your principal or only place of work has been in the district;
- for the whole of twelve months before the day of nomination and the day of the election you have resided in the district.

There are disqualifications and these are briefly summarised below. You will be unable to be elected and to serve as a Councillor if:

- you are a paid employee of North Norfolk District Council;
- you are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order;
- you have, within five years before the day of the election, been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months without the option of a fine.

You can contact the Electoral Services team for a full nomination pack if you do not have the facility to download and print off a copy of the pack from our website.