

# MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



**IF YOU CARE ABOUT  
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE  
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR  
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

**JOIN US AND MAKE A  
LOCAL CHANGE**

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## **WHAT DO LOCAL COUNCILS DO?**

Your local council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of your local community. Their work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

## **BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make a real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve.

Local councillors have three main responsibilities:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

## **GETTING ELECTED**

To stand for election to a local council you must:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member State of the European Union
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

**If you are interested contact the council on:**

**[www.nalc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections)**