Become a Councillor FAQ'S

Where do I start?

To become a candidate you or your agent (if you have one) will need to complete a nomination form which is available **HERE**.

The nomination must be submitted by 4pm on the 19th working day before the election on the 5th of April 2022.

I don't speak Welsh?

Being a fluent Welsh speaker isn't a requirement to become a councillor however, many courses are available to councillors who wish to learn.

Can I still work full-time?

All councillors are welcome to pursue full-time careers while being a councillor as employers are required to grant leave for councillor duties. However, many councillors choose to pursue their career as a councillor full-time. Typically, councillors dedicate 3 days a week to their duties.

Is my disability supported?

As a diverse council we welcome applicants of all abilities to apply and pledge to provide the support necessary for you to fulfil your role. More information on additional support is available on the Become a Councillor webpage.

I want to represent my political party?

If you wish to represent a political party it's best to contact your party locally as soon as possible so they can advise and support you on becoming a candidate.

I don't belong to a party?

Any candidate is welcome to stand independently and should contact Electoral Services for further information.

Is there social media support?

All councillors will be provided with extensive IT training as well as safeguarding workshops to protect privacy.

I'm under 18?

Don't worry, you can still participate! For the first time in history 16–17-year-olds are eligible to vote in the upcoming 2022 election in Wales. If you're still looking to become a representative and get involved, even if you're under 18 you can still stand to become a candidate for the Welsh Youth Parliament. More information is available <u>HERE</u>.