



## PARISH COUNCILLOR QUALIFICATIONS

### To be eligible to become a councillor, you must:

- ❖ be over 18 years of age.
- ❖ be a British subject, or a citizen of the Irish Republic, a commonwealth country, a UK dependent territory or another country in the European community. And meet at least one of the following:
  - be on the Electoral Role for the Parish
  - live or work within the Parish and have done so for the last 12 months immediately before you are nominated.
  - live within 4.8 kms (3 miles) of the Parish boundary.

### You cannot stand if you:

- ❖ are employed by that council.
- ❖ have been declared bankrupt within the last five years if you have not repaid your debts.
- ❖ have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than three months imprisonment within the last five years.
- ❖ you hold a politically restricted post for another authority.
- ❖ you have been disqualified under any legislation relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

More detailed guidance on the qualifications and disqualifications when standing as a candidate is available in the Guidance for Candidates and Agents published by the Electoral Commission.