

## District Council Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Can I stand as a candidate for Harborough District Council elections?

To Stand for election as a councillor for Harborough District Council you must:

- Be 18 years old on the day of your nomination
- Be a British citizen, an EU citizen, or a Commonwealth citizen
- Be registered to vote in and/or have either lived or worked in the Harborough District area for at least one year

You can find out more information about the qualification and disqualification requirements by visiting:

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-england](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-england)

### Interested in standing as a party candidate?

To stand as a party candidate you would have to contact the political party of your choice to discuss their requirements. You must have their approval and have the relevant forms completed by them to use a party description or logo.

### Standing as an independent candidate?

You can stand as an independent candidate if you meet the criteria, information regarding standing can be found at: [www.local.gov.uk/lga-independent](http://www.local.gov.uk/lga-independent)

### The Nomination process

To stand for as a candidate you must complete and submit a set of valid nomination papers. You will need two people who are on the register of electors within your chosen ward to support your nomination and sign your nomination paper to confirm this. You can request a nomination pack from the Elections Team by emailing [e.services@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:e.services@harborough.gov.uk) or download a pack from the Electoral Commissions website using the link above.

Your completed nomination forms must be handed in to our offices at The Symington Building, Adam & Eve Street, Market Harborough LE16 7AG between Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and no later than 4pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The forms cannot be sent electronically or posted, we can also do an informal check for you by making an appointment emailing [e.services@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:e.services@harborough.gov.uk) or come to one of the drop in check and receipt events below –

- Lutterworth Town Council Offices - 27<sup>th</sup> March between 4.30pm and 7pm
- Billesdon Village Hall – 29<sup>th</sup> March between 4.30pm and 7pm
- Kibworth Grammar School (the Studio) - 3<sup>rd</sup> April between 4.30pm and 7pm

A Candidate and Agents briefing session giving key information regarding standing for election at the district elections can be found at :

<https://www.harborough.gov.uk/become-a-councillor>