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Are you interested in becoming one of the 60 ward councillors within Peterborough who have a role in providing services to the local community?

City councillors represent the constituents within the ward to which they are elected, and serve a four year term of office. There are a number of opportunities to be elected which include councillors resignation, disqualified councillors or in the unfortunate event if a councillor passes away during their term of office. In any such circumstances a by-election may be held.

How to become a councillor

To be a local councillor you must be at least 18 years of age and a British, Irish, Commonwealth or European Citizen. People stand for election for many different reasons, these can include:

- > to speak on behalf of the local community and help the constituents in their ward
- > to pursue their political beliefs
- > to contribute business or professional skills
- > to shape the future of the local community.

You do not need to be a member of a political party to become a councillor, however if you are considering standing as a candidate for a particular political party then you will need to be a member of that party's local organisation. Further information is available from the following organisations:

- > [The Electoral Commission \(http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/\)](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/)
- > [Local Government Association \(http://www.local.gov.uk/lga-independent/resources/be-councillor\)](http://www.local.gov.uk/lga-independent/resources/be-councillor)
- > [Ease of England Local Government Association \(http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk/howto/default.htm\)](http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk/howto/default.htm)
- > Politically Independent Candidate

Councillors play a vital role in the community they serve. They work with the Police, Health and other public bodies and with the private sector in order to achieve these aims. The position of the councillor is vital in the local community as the voice of the community.

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