

How to stand as a Labour Councillor



Aim

To encourage Labour Party members from a wide range of backgrounds, and those in under-represented groups, to consider standing for Labour at local elections.

To ensure that everyone understands the process of how to stand as a Labour Councillor.



In order to achieve this we'll be covering

- Are you eligible?
- How you can represent Labour
- About you – why do you want to stand?
- Council selection process
- Some example questions asked in council selections meetings
- Building your story and filling the gaps
- Next steps and further resources

Key words and jargon

- Assessment Centre
- BAME
- Branch
- Candidates
- Code of conduct
- Constituency Labour Party (CLP)
- Labour Group
- LGBT
- Local Authority/Council
- Local Campaign Forum (LCF)
- Local Government Selection Pack
- NEC
- Selection meeting
- The Panel
- Ward councillors

Before we start...

Are you legally entitled to stand for election?

- Residency rules
- Bankruptcy, sentenced for more than 3 months for an offence
- Politically restricted job

Do you meet the Labour Party requirements?

- 12 month minimum membership
- Party membership in Local Government area

How you can represent The Labour Party



- Parish & Town Council
- Local Government; District, Unitary, Metropolitan, County
- Parliamentary
- London Assembly
- Directly-elected Mayors
- Welsh Assembly
- Scottish Parliament
- Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC)

What is expected of a Labour Councillor?

- ✓ Community Leadership
- ✓ Communication Skills
- ✓ Working in Partnership
- ✓ Consult local residents
- ✓ Develop links with your community
- ✓ Political Understanding
- ✓ Attending Council, Community and Labour Party meetings
- ✓ Decide service priorities and participate in budget setting
- ✓ Regulating and Monitory
- ✓ Scrutiny and Questioning
- ✓ Regular campaigning



Q: What does The Labour Party mean to you and why do you want to stand for election?