

# FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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### Interested in becoming a councillor? Find out more at candidate briefing session

With local elections fast approaching, Fenland District Council is inviting anyone who may be interested in becoming a councillor to attend a special briefing to find out more.

Elections are taking place on Thursday 4 May 2023 for the 18 district wards and 16 town and parish councils across the Fenland area.

The Council is holding the briefing session for potential candidates and agents on Thursday 2 March 2023, at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at Fenland Hall, County Road, March.

There is no commitment to go on and stand for election, but the session will provide a good understanding of what is involved. This will include:

- An introduction to Fenland District Council
- The process for nominations
- The process of getting elected
- The chance to ask the Elections Team any questions you may have about the role of a councillor or the elections process

Candidates do not need to be a member of a political party to become a councillor, however anyone considering standing as a candidate for a particular political party will need to be a member of that party's local organisation.

A Council spokesperson said: "With elections taking place across Fenland this May, there are lots of opportunities to stand as a district or parish councillor.

"Councillors play a key role in the district, representing the people that elected them and providing a voice for their local community. They help shape services for the benefit of residents and work with the Police, Health and other public bodies and with the private sector in order to achieve these aims.

"Being a councillor is a varied and highly fulfilling role. You do not need any experience, or special qualifications, and you will gain new skills, experience and knowledge. Councillors receive an allowance and can work flexibly.

"We want to welcome anyone who would like to know more about becoming a councillor, or acting as an agent for them, to attend this briefing session."

#### **Book your place**

For more information and to book a place at the session, contact the Council's election team on 01354 622207 or email: [elections@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:elections@fenland.gov.uk)

You can also find out more about standing for election on the Council's website at:  
[www.fenland.gov.uk/StandingForElection](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/StandingForElection)

The formal election process begins with the publication of the Notice of Election on Monday 20 March 2023.

Completed candidate nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Fenland District Council offices in County Road, March, by 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023.

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