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# Becoming a councillor

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Most candidates stand as a member of a political party, but you can stand for election as an independent candidate (ie without belonging to any political party).

## Standing as a member of a political party

If you want to stand as a candidate for a political party, please contact that party to discuss their requirements for standing.

## Standing as an independent candidate

If you have questions about standing as an independent candidate, the [Local Government Association Independent Group may be able to help](#).

## Expressing an interest in standing

If you would like to stand for election in Blackpool you should register your interest by emailing [electoral.registration@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.registration@blackpool.gov.uk) or call 01253 477161.

## Electoral Commission

The [Electoral Commission has produced guidance for candidates and agents](#) for both political party and independent candidates.

## Key Election deadlines and information

- Deadline for nominations – 4.00pm Tuesday 4 April 2023
- Registration to vote deadline – 12 midnight on Monday 17 April 2023, register online now
- Postal vote deadline – 5.00pm Tuesday 18 April 2023
- Proxy vote deadline – 5.00pm – Tuesday 25 April 2023
- Deadline to request Voter ID – 5.00pm – Tuesday 25 April 2023

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