

# District & Parish Council Elections 2019

## District Council

**An event is being held in Bideford next month for anyone who might want to stand as a councillor in this year's local elections.**

On May 2, people will be voting to fill the district council's 36 seats for Torridge.

The council will be holding an evening event for anyone interested in becoming a councillor on **March 6, at 6pm, in Bideford Town Hall**. Just turn up on the night to find out more about becoming a councillor and put your name forward for nomination.

Councillor Jane Whittaker, TDC leader, said: "While cuts in central government grants have made recent times somewhat challenging, we still have a real 'can-do' team spirit amongst the councillors here at Torridge and long may that continue. We need people from all walks of life to represent their communities, so I would encourage people not to pre-judge whether they might or might not be suitable for the role. Just come along and find out about what is ultimately a great way of giving back. And then seriously consider taking part in helping to shape the future of your area."

Further information about registering to vote, postal & proxy votes, etc., and 'A Guide to Prospective Councillors in Torridge'. Go to Torridge web-site [www.torridge.gov.uk](http://www.torridge.gov.uk) and then select 'Your Council' and click on 'Elections'.

## Parish Council

Also on May 2 there will be elections for Parish Councils. Subject to further information being received from the Elections Officer at Torridge District Council, this is a summary of the expected timescales:

- Publication of notice of election by Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Delivery of nomination papers by 4pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Publication of statement of persons nominated by 4pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- Publication of notice of poll by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April \*
- Polling Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> May \*

*Note: Sutcombe has 7 Parish Councillors – a poll will be held if there are more than 7 nominations; if 7 or less nominations there will not be a poll.*

**If you wish to vote at the election(s) you need to ensure your name appears on the electoral roll – your vote may be in person, by proxy, or by postal vote. See the Torridge web-site.**