

# **WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY?**

## **BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

ERNLLCA is calling on residents who are passionate about their community to stand as a parish or town councillor in the local elections in 2019.

### **What do councillors do?**

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

### **How long does it take?**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

### **Can you stand?**

There are only a few rules to stand for election, including:

- Being a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Living in an area that is served by a parish or town council.

### **How can I get involved?**

Contact your local parish or town council or, to find out more, visit [www.ernllca.info](http://www.ernllca.info)