

# MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A STROUD TOWN COUNCILLOR

Are you passionate about your community?

Do you want to help make a long-lasting change?

Do you have innovative ideas for the council?

Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it?

If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election.

We have a vacancy for a councillor in Uplands ward.

## **What is a councillor?**

In Stroud councillors are elected to represent an area of the town, known as a ward. They are normally elected every four years, but there is currently a casual vacancy available following the resignation of Councillor Jeremy Green

If co-opted you would serve until the next normal election in May 2028.

## **What do councillors do?**

Councillors have three main areas to their work.

### **1. Decision making**

Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

### **2. Monitoring**

Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

### **3. Getting involved locally**

As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards residents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:

- Going to meetings of local organisations
- Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
- Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

### **How much time does it take up?**

Councillors generally say that their duties occupy them for at least an hour a week. There are some councillors who spend more time than this, but in the main, being a town councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook, be community-minded and willing to work as part of a team.

The Council pays for training, travel outside of the town if needed, and the cost of care for dependents to allow you to attend meetings.

If you are interested in applying please read our [co-option policy](#), check the [eligibility criteria](#) and then complete the [application form](#) and send it to the Town Clerk.

**The closing date for applications is 30th April 2025. The Council will consider applications at their meeting on 12th May 2025.**