

# **QUALIFICATIONS FOR BECOMING A TOWN COUNCILLOR**

## **Essential requirements**

You must be both:

- a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country, and
- aged 18 or over.

## **Additional qualifications**

You also need one of the following four qualifications:

- Are on the electoral register for the parish.
- Have lived either in the parish, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year.
- Have been the owner or tenant of land in the parish for at least a year.
- Have your only or main place of work in the parish for at least a year.

## **Disqualifications**

You are disqualified from standing for election or co-option if:

- You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- You have within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel islands or the Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine.
- You are disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority.