

PROCEDURE FOR A PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Councillors are elected for a period of four years and elections normally take place on the first Thursday in May. The last election full election was May 2010.

A bye-election could be called on a casual vacancy and these are run to the same process as the four year election.

Procedure

The Notice of Election will be displayed beforehand in the Parish noticeboards and the nominations for Parish Councillor application will have a deadline date specified on the notice.

Application

To nominate to be a Parish Council you will need to obtain an application pack, complete it, have it witnessed and return it to Chorley Borough Council offices by the deadline.

If you would like more information about being a Parish Councillor and/or to obtain an application pack you can contact the Clerk of the Council who will have packs available, otherwise you can pick them up from Chorley Borough Council offices.

The nomination packs will be available from around late March time for a full election and for a casual vacancy, the timescales will be published on the notice.

Process

Euxton has 18 Parish Councillors seat. If there are less than 18 persons who are nominated for these seats then the election is classed as 'uncontested' and the nominees on the list will assume the Councillor seats without there being a voting election.

If there are more than 18 nominees for the places available then there will be a voting election and voting papers are prepared and sent out.

Although, as the 18 places are divided into three areas ie, Euxton North West, Euxton North East or Euxton South, this may also determine if there is an election in that area.

8 Councillor seats - Euxton North West

2 Councillor seats - Euxton North East

8 Councillor seats - Euxton South

For example if there are 8 nominees for Euxton North West and 2 for Euxton North East and 9 for Euxton South there would only be an election run, for Parish Councillors, in Euxton South area.

Final Step

Chorley Borough Council inform nominees if they have become Parish Councillors via an uncontested election or if they have won a contested election place.

There is no difference between a Councillor who has won a seat via an election taking place, or by gaining a seat through an uncontested election.