

## **DO I QUALIFY?**

If you are interested in becoming a Parish or Town Councillor you will need to meet the criteria below.

A candidate for a Parish or Town Council is qualified if, when nominated:

- he or she is a British citizen, Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Irish Republic or a citizen of another European Union State.
- has attained 18 years of age, and
- is either:
  - in the register of electors for that Parish/Town **or** has during the whole of the preceding twelve months
  - occupied land as owner or tenant
  - had a principal place of work there
  - resided in or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

Under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is **disqualified** from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if specific criteria are not met. For clarification on these please view via the following link [www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/80](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/80)

For further clarification about who can apply please contact:

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Cornwall Council  
St Austell One Stop Shop  
39 Penwinnick Road  
St Austell  
Cornwall  
PL25 5DR

Tele: 0300 123 115

Or visit Cornwall Council's website for more information:  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/)