



EALC

Making Eden voices heard



Election rules may not seem exciting but without understanding them, your council could run into trouble...

THE ELECTION PROCESS

**What can you do? What must you do?
Importantly, what must you not do?**

An ordinary election occurs every four years but a seat may fall vacant at other times. If a vacancy occurs between elections (for example by resignation of a councillor), the council must publicly notify the vacancy and if no poll is claimed, it may then co-opt a suitably qualified person.

There are several different ways that someone may become a member of a town or parish council. Each one requires the town or parish council to follow the correct legal procedure.

Councillors and clerks are invited to join your fellow EALC members, together with Karen Thompson (Eden District Council's Electoral Services Manager) to refresh your knowledge of the mechanics of the election process.

**Date & time: Monday 13 September at 1.30pm
or Monday 20 September at 7.00pm**

Place: Virtual meeting room

(joining details in the accompanying email)

Join our virtual forum and understand how following the election process can protect people's rights and give confidence that your council is run properly...