

How to become a Councillor

Councillors are either elected on a four-yearly basis by residents of their ward or co-opted when a vacancy occurs and take no financial compensation. Our next scheduled elections are in May 2027. If there is a casual vacancy this will be advertised on our Website.

Councillors play a vital role in shaping policy, making important decisions about the Council's budget, and overseeing how the Council operates. Councillors are supported by council officers (staff) are responsible for implementing the Council's decisions.

If you're interested in becoming a member of Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.

Additionally, you must meet at least one of these four qualifications:

1. You are registered as a local government elector for the parish where you wish to stand, from the day of your nomination onwards.
2. You have occupied, as owner or tenant, land or premises in the parish during the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
3. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the town.
4. You have lived in the town or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

More detailed guidance on becoming a councillor can be found at [Candidates and Agents | Electoral Commission](#)