COULD YOU BE AN EAST SUFFOLK COUNCILLOR?

EASTSUFFOLK COUNCIL

Becoming an East Suffolk Councillor is a rewarding way to represent local people, influence decisions and improve your community whilst gaining new skills and experience.

What does a councillor do?

- Supports local people with issues and concerns
- Helps develop council policies and priorities
- Attends Full Council and various other committee meetings
- Provides community leadership

Could I stand?

You can stand as an independent candidate or for a political party but you must:

- Be aged 18 or over
- Be a British, Irish, eligible Commonwealth or qualifying EU citizen
- Be registered to vote in East Suffolk, or have lived, worked or owned property in the district for at least 12 months

No formal qualifications or previous council experience are required!

Allowances and support

Basic Councillor Allowance - £9,688.51 per year plus mileage and subsistence

Councillors also receive:

- Full induction, training and ongoing development opportunities
- Dedicated officer support
- Equipment to undertake the role

East Suffolk Council Elections 2027

Election Day: Thursday, 6 May 2027

Nomination Period: 18 March to 4pm on 8 April 2027

Find out more

Attend our Be a Councillor Information Event:
Tuesday, 8 December 2026 or Thursday, 7 January 2027 at 6.30pm on Teams

Contact the Democratic Services Team to book your place.

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