

Make a change – become a Douglas Councillor

Are you passionate about your community?

By serving as a Douglas Councillor you can make your voice heard and influence decisions that will help shape the future of your community.

VOTE

**Election Date:
Thursday, 23rd April, 2020**

DOUGLAS COUNCIL

Douglas Council is responsible for various functions including refuse and recycling collection, social housing, street lighting, public toilets, parks and open spaces, playgrounds and other leisure facilities, public events within the Borough, car parking, building control, HBN Library, the crematorium/cemetery, administration of the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the enforcement of local byelaws. All these functions and services are paid for by the Borough rate which is fixed by the Council.

THE ELECTION PROCESS

Local Authority General Elections will take place on Thursday, 23rd April, 2020. Douglas Council will have 12 vacant seats, split between the four Wards, Central, East, North and South.

To stand as a local authority member you must appear on the Register of Electors as of 1st January 2020 – you do not have to be registered in the constituency for which you are standing. To check you are registered visit gov.im/register tovote or call the Crown and Elections Unit on 685754.

The term of office is 4 years.

Nomination forms and information packs will be available in March 2020 for collection from Douglas Town Hall.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in standing and want to find out more, you can:

- Attend public Council Meetings at 2.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month in the Council Chamber at Douglas Town Hall
- Read agendas and minutes available at douglas.gov.im
- Attend a political surgery on the last Saturday of the month at the HBN Library
- Speak to an existing Councillor, contact details can be found on our website
- Follow @DouglasBoroughCouncil on Facebook or @DouglasBoroughC on Twitter
- Contact the Assistant Town Clerk, Mr P. Cowin for more information on 696310 or pcowin@douglas.gov.im

DOUGLAS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Elected Members are required to attend regular Committee, Council and other meetings. All Council and Committee Meetings will take place during office hours and last no longer than half a day (morning or afternoon). An attendance allowance can be claimed as follows;

- Daytime rate - £12.50 per hour (to a maximum of £50 per session)
- Evening rate - £7.50 per hour (to a maximum of £30 per session)
- The maximum allowance payable to a member per annum is £6,000
- Travel allowance can also be claimed if appropriate

