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Dear Prospective Candidate

Parish election nomination pack and general guidance

Please find enclosed a candidate nomination pack for the election of parish councillors.

I have also enclosed some basic guidance to assist you in the completion and submission of the relevant forms. The aim of this guidance is to outline the main points of relevance for candidates and election agents who will be involved in the election.

However, please note that the guidance given should not be relied upon as legally definitive and no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omissions. If in any doubt, candidates should seek their own independent legal advice.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Libreri
Electoral Services Manager
Ashford Borough Council

Guidance and advice

Section A – General background

There are 44 parishes in Ashford. Where contested, elections to all parish/community councils in Ashford will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

Two elections will take place in Ashford on Thursday 2 May 2019

- The election of borough councillors to Ashford Borough Council
- The election of parish councillors to parish councils

The counting of votes for the borough wards and parish elections will take place at the Stour Centre on Friday 3 May 2019.

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The Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission has primary responsibility for providing advice and assistance on electoral matters. Enquiries from candidates should be directed to infoengland@electoralcommission.org.uk or you can call them on 0333 103 1928.

Detailed guidance for candidates can be found at:
<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent>

Nominations

Each candidate standing for election as a parish councillor must be nominated on a separate nomination paper in the prescribed form. Candidates are requested to use the nomination paper provided by the Returning Officer, a copy of which is enclosed with this guide, although nominations on different forms will be accepted.

Great care must be taken to ensure that all sections of the nomination papers are completed in full. Please be consistent when providing information, e.g. names and addresses, on different forms in the nomination pack.

- Each candidate must sign his or her consent to nomination form.
- Nomination papers must be signed, as proposer and seconder, by two registered local government electors in the parish.
- **if the parish is warded, the proposer and seconder must be registered local government electors in the parish ward being contested.**
- The register used to check the signatories on the nomination papers will be the register published on 1st March 2019.

Deposit

There is no deposit for candidates at the election of parish councillors.

Delivery of nomination paper

The nomination paper must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer at the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL between the hours of 9:30am and 4pm on any working day from the date of publication of the Notice of Election Friday 22 March 2019, and prior to the last time for delivery of nomination papers as stated in the Notice of Election 4pm Wednesday 3 April 2019.

Please note that the Nomination paper, the Home Address form and the Candidate's Consent to Nomination must be delivered by hand. Delivery by post or other means will not be accepted.

To ensure that your nomination papers can be checked by electoral services staff before you formally submit them:

- **Make an appointment and submit your nomination papers as early as you can**
- **Provide full contact details when submitting the nomination papers**
- **Be prepared to wait while electoral services staff check the papers**

The Returning Officer's decision that a nomination paper is valid shall be final and shall not be questioned in any proceedings. If the Returning Officer decides a nomination paper is invalid, the paper will be endorsed, giving reason(s) for the decision, and signed. A decision by the Returning Officer that a nomination is valid does not prevent an election court from considering whether or not the candidate is disqualified from holding office after the election.

Commonly used names

If a candidate has a surname and/or forename that they commonly use in place of any other surname or forename they have, they can include the commonly used surname or forename in addition to the other name on the nomination paper. The commonly used name or names will then be used in the statement of persons nominated, the notice of poll and on the ballot paper.

However, a candidate cannot use their first name as a commonly used name so that only their first name and surname appear on a ballot paper, thus excluding their middle name. The legislation makes it clear that a commonly used name is one that is different from any other forename or surname.

Independent candidates

If you want the word 'Independent' to appear on the ballot paper underneath your name, you need to state this on the nomination form. Alternatively, you may give a description of no more than six words in English to appear on the ballot paper. It can be any description providing it is sufficient to identify you and is unlikely to associate you with a political party registered with the Electoral Commission. You may choose not to have a description at all by leaving this part of the form blank.

Candidates standing for a registered political party

If the candidate is standing on behalf of a registered political party, the nomination paper must state the description to be used, which must be either the name of the political party or one of the party's registered descriptions. A registered party can register up to 12 descriptions to be used on nomination papers and ballot papers.

The use of the description must be authorised by a certificate issued by or on behalf of the registered nominating officer of the party. The certificate must be delivered by the close of nominations i.e. 4pm Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

Registered party emblem

If a candidate wishes to use a registered party emblem on the ballot paper, he or she (not the election agent) must make a written request to the Returning Officer by the close of nominations.

Home Address Form

All candidates must complete Part 1 of the Home Address form.

The Home Address form must be attested by the same person as signs the candidate's consent to nomination.

Candidates who do not wish to have their home address made public must also complete Part 2 of the Home Address form. The relevant area on the Home Address form is the district, borough or county council in which the address is situated e.g. Ashford.

Consent to Nomination

The nomination is not valid unless the candidate's consent to nomination, given in writing on or within one calendar month before the last day for delivery of nomination papers, is delivered at the place and within the time appointed for the delivery of nomination papers.

The consent must contain a statement declaring that, with reference to the day of nomination, the candidate is, and on the day of the election will be, qualified to be elected. The form should also include a declaration that the candidate is not disqualified from standing.

The candidate must also provide their date of birth, and have the consent witnessed. The witness must sign the consent and give their full name and address.

Candidates are advised to complete as many of the alternative qualifications that apply. For example if a candidate satisfies only the first qualification (that of being a local government elector) and subsequently ceases to be registered, he or she will be disqualified from holding office.

Care must be taken to ensure that if a candidate's declaration includes the qualification of being a local government elector that the correct electoral number is used. This will consist of the letters of the polling district plus his or her poll number, e.g. AE 606. Where an elector

has been added to the register of electors after its publication on 1st December 2018, his or her electoral number will have an “/” in the entry, e.g. AE 762/1.

Inspection of nomination papers and consents to nomination

During ordinary office hours on any day, other than weekends and bank holidays, after the close of nominations and up to the day before the poll, any person may inspect and take copies of, or extracts from, nomination papers and consents to nomination.

Withdrawal of candidates

Candidates may withdraw their candidature by submitting a written notice of withdrawal to the Returning Officer by 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019. The notice must be signed by the candidate and attested by one witness, whose name and address shall be given.

Statement of persons nominated

The Returning Officer will publish a statement of persons nominated by no later than 4pm on Thursday 4th April 2019.

Section C – Agents

Polling and counting agents

Every candidate may appoint:

- Polling Agents to attend at polling stations for the purpose of detecting personation;
- Counting Agents to attend at the counting of votes.

Notice of the appointment of polling and counting agents must be given to the Returning Officer by Thursday 25 April 2019.

Further details will be provided to those candidates standing validly nominated at the election.

Tellers

Tellers have no status so far as electoral law is concerned and should not be confused with polling agents. They have no right to enter the polling station other than to vote or as a companion to a person with disabilities attending to vote. Their role is to stand outside polling stations and identify voters who have voted.

Guidance on the role of tellers will be issued to validly nominated candidates.

Opening of postal ballot papers

Candidates and their appointed postal opening agents are entitled to attend the opening of the postal ballot papers. The Returning Officer will arrange the times and places of postal vote opening sessions and will notify candidates accordingly.

Section D – Election expenses

Election expenses are any expenses incurred on goods, services, property, or facilities used for the purpose of the candidate's election.

The spending limit is £740, plus 6p per local government elector in the parish or parish ward registered to vote on the last day for publication of the notice of election in the ward which you are standing for.

Spending limits for joint candidates are reduced. Joint candidates are candidates in the same parish or parish ward who use the same campaign rooms or publish joint material. Where there are two joint candidates the expenses limit is reduced by 25%. Where there are three or more joint candidates the spending limit is reduced by 33%.

Candidates must contact the Electoral Commission if they wish to seek advice on electoral expenses pef@electoralcommission.org.uk

Candidates must submit their return of expenses to the Returning Officer by not later than Thursday 30th May 2019.

Expenses returns must still be submitted if there is no expenditure to record or where the election is uncontested.

Ashford Parish Election Timetable for Elections to be held on Thursday 2 May 2019

Notice of Election	Friday 22 March 2019
Receipt of Nominations	4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
Withdrawal of Candidate	4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
Appointment of Election Agents	4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
Publication of Notice of Election Agents	12:00 am to 4:00 pm Wednesday 3 April 2019
Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated	4:00 pm Thursday 4 April 2019
Last Date for Registration	Friday 12 April 2019
Receipt of Postal Vote Applications	5:00 pm Monday 15 April 2019
Publication of Notice of Poll	Wednesday 24 April 2019
Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wednesday 24 April 2019
Appointment of Poll and Count Agents	Thursday 25 April 2019
First Day to Issue Replacement Lost Postal Ballot Papers	Friday 26 April 2019
Receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2019
Last Day to Issue Replacement Spoilt or Lost Postal Ballot Papers 2019	5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2019
Day of Poll	7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2019
Return of Election Expenses	Thursday 30 May 2019

Dated Monday 11 February 2019

This nomination pack is for use by candidates who are standing at a parish council election in England on or after 2 May 2019

You must print off the forms in this pack before submitting them

The following papers must be delivered by hand:

- 1a: Nomination paper
- 1b: Home address form
- 1c: Candidate's consent to nomination

The following papers can be delivered by hand or by post:

- 2: Certificate of authorisation
- 3: Request for a party emblem

The notice of election published by the Returning Officer will specify the times and exact location to which nomination papers must be delivered.

Ensure that where signatures are required, you submit the **original signed version** of each completed paper. Documents without original signatures cannot be accepted.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Data protection legislation applies to the processing of all personal data. Please contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](#), for further information about how the legislation affects you.

When collecting subscriber information, you should point out what the information will be used for, and how personal data will be processed and kept secure. The lawful basis to collect the information in these forms is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations.

You should also explain that the information will be shared with the Returning Officer. For further information on data protection and data processing you should refer to the Returning Officer's privacy notice on their website.

This checklist is designed to assist candidates standing in a parish council election¹ in England in preparing to submit their nomination, and should be read alongside the Electoral Commission's [Guidance for candidates and agents](#).

Task	Tick
Nomination paper (all candidates)	
Add your full name – surname in the first box and all other names in the second	
Optional - Use the commonly used name(s) box(es) if you are commonly known by a name other than your full name and want it to be used instead of your full name	
Description – Party candidates can use a party name or party description shown on the Electoral Commission's website and supported by a certificate of authorisation from that party. Any candidate may use a description that is not likely to lead electors to associate the candidate with a registered political party or can use 'Independent' or leave this blank. Whatever you enter in this box will appear as your description on the ballot paper	
Subscribers – both subscribers must sign and have their name printed. Use your copy of the electoral register to make sure the elector number of both subscribers is accurate. When collecting subscriber information ensure that you explain what the information will be used for and that the information will be shared with the Returning Officer.	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to yourself), by hand, to be accompanied by the home address form. It cannot be submitted by post, fax, e-mail or other electronic means.	
Candidate's home address form (all candidates)	
Add your full name	
Add your home address in full	
Add your qualifying address, or qualifying addresses, and indicate which of the qualifications you've declared on your consent to nomination the address(es) relate to.	
Add the full name and home address in full of the person attesting your home address form (which must be the same person as signs your consent to nomination form)	
Optional - If you do not want to have your home address printed on the ballot papers, complete part 2 of the form, giving the name of the relevant area or, where outside the UK, the country in which your home address is situated and sign the form.	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to you), by hand, to be accompanied by the nomination form. It cannot be submitted by post, fax, e-mail or other electronic means.	
Candidate's consent (all candidates)	
You must be a British, Commonwealth or other European Union Citizen and not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom or have indefinite leave to remain. You must also be 18 years old or older on the date you sign this form.	
You must meet at least one of the listed qualifications (a, b, c or d), and mark the form to show which qualification applies. You should mark as many qualifications as apply.	
You must not sign the form if you are disqualified to stand. Make sure that you read the Electoral Commission guidance on standing for election as well as the legislation listed. If you are not sure if you are able to stand you should contact the Electoral Commission or, if	

¹ This is not to be used for mayoral or principal area elections. Separate [forms and guidance are available](#).

necessary, take your own legal advice.	
Add your full date of birth	
Sign and date the document in the presence of another person (which must be the same person who as the witness on your home address form). You must not sign the consent form earlier than one calendar month before the deadline for submitting your nomination papers	
Get the other person to complete and sign the witness section	
Method of submitting the form (which must include all pages of legislation) to the RO: in person (but not limited to yourself), by hand. It cannot be submitted by post, fax, e-mail or other electronic means.	
Certificate of authorisation (party candidates only)	
Ensure the certificate contains the candidate's full name	
Check the certificate allows the registered party name or description given on the nomination paper to be used (or allows the candidate to choose to use the party name or any registered description)	
Ensure it is issued by the party Nominating Officer (or someone that they have authorised to issue it on their behalf)	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to yourself) or by post	
Request for party emblem (party candidates only)	
Write the name or description of an emblem registered by the party and published on the Electoral Commission's website	
Ensure the request is made by the candidate	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to yourself) or by post	

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Parish election in England

Nomination paper

*ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS for the			
1		*[ward of the] <i>if applicable</i>	
*parish of *Delete whichever is inappropriate		2	
Date of election:			

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said *ward/parish do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election.

Candidate's Details	
Candidate's surname	Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Ms/Dr/Other
Other forenames in full	
Commonly used surname (if any)	
Commonly used forenames (if any)	
Description (if any) use no more than six words	

	Signature	Print name	Electoral number	
			Polling district	Elector number
Proposer:				
Secunder				

¹ Insert name of parish ward (if any).

² Insert name of parish.

Notes

1. The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for filling up nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination papers contained in the election rules in the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 2006 (as amended).
2. Where a candidate is commonly known by some title they may be described by their title as if it were their surname.
3. Where a candidate commonly uses a name that is different from any other name they have, the commonly used name may also appear on the nomination paper, but if it does so, the commonly used name (instead of any other name) will appear on the ballot paper.
4. But the ballot paper will show the other name if the returning officer thinks that the use of the commonly used name may
 - (a) be likely to mislead or confuse electors, or
 - (b) that the commonly used name is obscene or offensive.
5. An elector may not –
 - (a) subscribe more nomination papers than there are vacancies to be filled in the electoral area in which the election is held; or
 - (b) subscribe a nomination paper for more than one ward in a parish divided into wards.
6. In this form 'elector' –
 - (a) means a person whose name is registered in the register of local government electors for the electoral area in question on the last day for the publication of notice of election; and
 - (b) includes a person then shown in the register as below voting age if (but only if) it appears from the register that he will be of voting age on the day fixed for the poll.
7. However, a person who has an anonymous entry in the register of local government electors cannot nominate a candidate for election.

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Home address form

Parish council [ward of parish council] of *Delete whichever is inappropriate		Date of election	
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You must complete Part 1

Only complete Part 2 if you do not wish your home address to be made public

Part 1: To be completed by all candidates

Full name of candidate	
Home address (in full)	
Qualifying address, or, where you have declared on your consent to nomination that you meet more than one qualification, your qualifying addresses. You must also state which of the qualifications your qualifying address or addresses relate to (a,b,c and/or d)	
Attestors full name *	
Attestors full home address*	

*(The person attesting your home address form must be the same person as signs your consent to nomination)

End of Part 1

If you are only completing Part 1, please now deliver this form with the nomination paper to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations

Part 2: To be completed in full only if you do not wish your home address to be made public

If you request that your home address is not made public then your address **will not** appear on the statement of persons nominated or the ballot paper

If you choose not to make your home address public, the name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (or country, if outside the UK) will appear on the statement of persons nominated and the ballot papers

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Statement: I require my home address not to be made public	
The relevant area my home address is situated in:	(insert name of relevant area) ²
Or	
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)
Signature of candidate completing Part 2	
Candidate's signature:	
Date:	

Deliver with the nomination form to the **Returning Officer** by no later than **4pm** on the last day to deliver nominations

² the name of the “relevant area” in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK)

- **For home addresses in England:**
 - if the address is within a district for which there is a district council, that district;
 - if the address is within a county in which there are no districts with councils, that county;
 - if the address is within a London borough, that London borough;
 - if the address is within the City of London (including the Inner and Middle Temples), the City of London; and
 - if the address is within the Isles of Scilly, the Isles of Scilly
- **For home addresses in Wales:**
 - if the address is within a county, that county;
 - if the address is within a county borough, that county borough
- **For home addresses in Scotland:**
 - the local government area in which the address is situated
- **For home addresses in Northern Ireland:**
 - the local government district in which the address is situated

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Parish election in England

Candidate's consent to nomination

*Delete whichever is inappropriate

Date of election:			
I (name in full):			
hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for election as councillor for the:		* ward [if applicable]	
of the *parish of:			
I declare that on the day of my nomination, I am qualified and that, if there is a poll on the day of election, I will be qualified to be so elected by virtue of being on that day or those days a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that			
*a. I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the parish of;			
or			
*b. I have, during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day or those days occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish named above;			
or			
*c. my principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the parish named above;			
or			
*d. I have during the whole of those 12 months resided in that parish named above or within 4.8 kilometres of it.			
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 (copies of which are printed overleaf).			
Date of birth:		Signature:	
Date of consent:			
Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence.			
Witness (name in full):			
Witness's signature:			

Notes: A candidate who is qualified by more than one qualification may complete any of those which may apply.

Local Government Act 1972

80. Disqualifications for election and holding office as member of local authority.

(1) Subject to the provisions of section 81 below, a person shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of a local authority if he –

- (a) holds any paid office or employment (other than the office of chairman, vice-chairman, deputy chairman, presiding member or deputy presiding member or, in the case of a local authority which are operating executive arrangements which involve a leader and cabinet executive, the office of executive leader or member of the executive) appointments or elections to which are or may be made or confirmed by the local authority or any committee or sub-committee of the authority or by a joint committee or National Park authority on which the authority are represented or by any person holding any such office or employment; or
- (b) is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, or a debt relief restrictions order under Schedule 4ZB of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (c) [This has been removed and no longer applies]
- (d) has within five years before the day of election or since his election been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of any offence and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- (e) is disqualified for being elected or for being a member of that authority under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 81 below, a paid officer of a local authority who is employed under the direction of –

- (a) a committee or sub-committee of the authority any member of which is appointed on the nomination of some other local authority; or
- (b) a joint board, joint authority, economic prosperity board, combined authority, joint waste authority or joint committee on which the authority are represented and any member of which is so appointed;

shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of that other local authority.

(2AA) A paid member of staff of the Greater London Authority who is employed under the direction of a joint committee the membership of which includes –

- (a) one or more persons appointed on the nomination of the Authority acting by the Mayor, and
- (b) one or more members of one or more London borough councils appointed to the committee on the nomination of those councils,

shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of any of those London borough councils.

(2A) Subsection (2) above shall have effect as if the reference to a joint board included a reference to a National Park authority.

(2B) For the purposes of this section a local authority shall be treated as represented on a National Park authority if it is entitled to make any appointment of a local authority member of the National Park authority.

(3) Subsection (1)(a) shall have effect in relation to a teacher in a school maintained by the local authority who does not hold an employment falling within that provision as it has effect in relation to a teacher in such a school who holds such an employment.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (1)(d) above, the ordinary date on which the period allowed for making an appeal or application with respect to the conviction expires or, if such an appeal or application is made, the date on which the appeal or application is finally disposed of or abandoned or fails by reason of the non-prosecution thereof shall be deemed to be the date of the conviction.

81. Exception to provisions of section 80

(4) Section 80(2) and (3) above shall not operate so to disqualify –

- (a) any person by reason of his being a teacher, or otherwise employed, in a school or other educational institution maintained or assisted by a county council for being a member of a district council by reason that the district council nominates members of the education committee of the county council

Localism Act 2011

Section 34(4) describes how a person may be disqualified from standing in local government elections under this section. The remaining provisions of section 34 do not directly affect a person's entitlement to stand for election

34 Offences

- (1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person—
 - (a) fails to comply with an obligation imposed on the person by section 30(1) or 31(2), (3) or (7),
 - (b) participates in any discussion or vote in contravention of section 31(4), or
 - (c) takes any steps in contravention of section 31(8).
- (2) A person commits an offence if under section 30(1) or 31(2), (3) or (7) the person provides information that is false or misleading and the person—
 - (a) knows that the information is false or misleading, or
 - (b) is reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading.

- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (4) A court dealing with a person for an offence under this section may (in addition to any other power exercisable in the person's case) by order disqualify the person, for a period not exceeding five years, for being or becoming (by election or otherwise) a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority in question or any other relevant authority.
- (5) A prosecution for an offence under this section is not to be instituted except by or on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (6) Proceedings for an offence under this section may be brought within a period of 12 months beginning with the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to the prosecutor's knowledge.
- (7) But no such proceedings may be brought more than three years—
- (a) after the commission of the offence, or
 - (b) in the case of a continuous contravention, after the last date on which the offence was committed.
- (8) A certificate signed by the prosecutor and stating the date on which such evidence came to the prosecutor's knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact; and a certificate to that effect and purporting to be so signed is to be treated as being so signed unless the contrary is proved.
- (9) The Local Government Act 1972 is amended as follows.
- (10) In section 86(1)(b) (authority to declare vacancy where member becomes disqualified otherwise than in certain cases) after “ 2000 ” insert “ or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 ”.
- (11) In section 87(1)(ee) (date of casual vacancies)—
- (a) after “2000” insert “ or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 or ”, and
 - (b) after “decision” insert “ or order ”.
- (12) The Greater London Authority Act 1999 is amended as follows.
- (13) In each of sections 7(b) and 14(b) (Authority to declare vacancy where Assembly member or Mayor becomes disqualified otherwise than in certain cases) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—
- “(ia) under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011,”.
- (14) In section 9(1)(f) (date of casual vacancies)—
- (a) before “or by virtue of” insert “ or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 ”, and
 - (b) after “that Act” insert “ of 1998 or that section ”.

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Certificate of authorisation

To accompany the nomination of a candidate standing on behalf of a registered political party. (Note: candidates standing on behalf of two or more parties require a certificate from each party and each must allow the same registered joint description to be used).

This certificate must be issued by the registered Nominating Officer of the party or by a person authorised to sign on their behalf.

This certificate authorises the candidate to use a specific registered description or the name of the party as registered with the Electoral Commission, or to use 'any registered description or the party name as registered with the Electoral Commission'.

This authorised party name or description can then be included by the candidate on the nomination form. It is this which will appear as their description on the ballot paper. Party names and registered descriptions are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (<http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk>).

Details of candidate to be authorised and the allowed description/party name

[Ward]/parish name:		Date of election:	
The candidate (name in full):			
Name of political party:	Political party registered with the Electoral Commission		
I hereby certify that the candidate may include the following registered description or party name in their nomination form:			
Note: it is an offence to sign this form if you are not the party's registered nominating officer or authorised to do so by the party's registered nominating officer			
Signature of party's registered Nominating Officer (or person authorised by the registered Nominating Officer):			
Name of person signing this form:			
Date:			

This form must be delivered to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

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Parish election in England

Request for a party emblem

This form is for a candidate of a political party who is subject to a certificate of authorisation and who wishes to have a party emblem printed on the ballot paper next to their name.

Party emblems are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (<http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk>).

This form must be signed by the candidate.

Candidate's request for use of an emblem			
[Ward]/parish name:		Date of election:	
Candidate name in full:			
I request that the ballot paper shall contain, against my name, the following registered emblem (please identify which emblem if the party has registered more than one)			
Emblem to be used (Please use name or description as on the Electoral Commission's website):			
Candidate's Signature:			
Date:			

This form is only effective if delivered for a candidate standing on behalf of a political party to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

Candidates standing on behalf of more than one political party and using a joint description may choose one emblem from one of the parties that you are standing for. Please indicate the name of the party and the emblem name in the 'Emblem to be used' box above.