

## **MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is calling on all community heroes to step up and become a local (parish and town) councillor at the 2021 elections.

### **What do councillors do?**

Local councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and borough councils to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

### **What do councils do?**

Councils lead on community services such as allotments, footpaths, public seating and litter bins, but also larger projects such as the running of local transport, leisure services, youth services and climate change initiatives. These activities are funded by a local tax, called a precept which is determined by the council.

### **How long does it take?**

NALC's Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. Council work often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking to local groups and bodies on behalf of the council.

### **Can I stand for election?**

You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in an area that is served by a local council

### **How can I get involved?**

Contact your local council or visit [www.nalc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections) to find out more.