

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

2.1 Composition and Eligibility

(a) Composition

The council has 57 elected members, otherwise called councillors. Councillors are elected by the voters of each electoral division.

(b) Eligibility

Only registered voters of the county or those living or working there are eligible to hold the office of councillor.

2.2 Election and Terms of Councillors

The regular election of councillors will normally be held on the first Thursday in May every four years beginning in 2013. The term of office of councillors will start on the fourth day after being elected and will finish on the fourth day after the date of the next regular election.

2.3 Roles and Functions of All Councillors

(a) Key Roles

All councillors will:

- represent the people of Warwickshire, the interests of their electoral division and of individual constituents;
- provide community leadership and contribute to the good governance of the area;
- actively encourage community participation and citizen involvement in decision-making;
- collectively be the ultimate policy makers and participate in the governance and management of the council; and
- promote and maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics in the conduct of council business.

(b) Rights and Duties

- i. Councillors will have rights of access to such documents, information, land and buildings of the council as are necessary for the proper discharge of their functions and in accordance with the law.
- ii. Councillors will not make public information which is confidential or exempt without the consent of the council or divulge information given in confidence to anyone other than a councillor or officer entitled to know it.

- iii. For these purposes, “confidential” and “exempt” information are defined in the [standing orders](#) in part 3 of this constitution.

2.4 Conduct

Councillors and co-opted members will at all times observe the [Members' Code of Conduct](#) and the [Protocol on Member/Officer Relationships](#) set out in part 4 of this constitution.

2.5 Allowances

Councillors and co-opted members will be entitled to receive allowances in accordance with the [Members' Allowances Scheme](#) set out in part 5 of this constitution.