

HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW OFTEN WE HOLD COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Current system

Current process for electing a third of all councillors every

3 years out of **4**

Proposed new system

Changing to an election for all councillors at the same time

once every **4** years



Only one third of councillors would change at any one time



Voters can change the political make-up of the council in a single election



Two thirds of councillors will not change following an election providing continuity

There is more likely to be political stability which enables longer-term planning



The cost to the council of holding elections is reduced

The political make-up of the council would only change over a period of time



The number of people who cast their vote may increase



It's easier for independent candidates to stand as fewer seats are contested

You can have your say from **Monday 9 January to Friday 31 March 2017.**

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