

2019 Elections for Wellington City Council

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WCC Electoral Officer

Local Elections 2019

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Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Electoral Team

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- **Warwick Lampp** - WCC Electoral Officer
- **Dominic Tay** - WCC Deputy Electoral Officer
- **Jack Phillips** - WCC Electoral Official
- **Émilie Joyal** – WCC Electoral Official

Who are *electionz.com*?

- Warwick Lampp, *electionz.com*, lives in Tauranga
- Election services company based in Christchurch
- 10 full time staff
- Average about 200 elections in NZ each year
- EO for 33 councils, 4 RCs and 10 DHBs
- Carrying out vote processing for 42 councils, 650K voting papers
- Vote Processing centre in Christchurch

EO for:

- BOPRC, GWRC, ECAN, ORC plus ten DHBs including CCDHB
- Tauranga, Rotorua, Taupo, Waipa, Otorohanga, Waitomo, South Waikato, Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Manawatu, Palmerston North, Horowhenua, Napier, Central Hawkes Bay, Carterton, Wellington, Masterton, South Wairarapa, Upper Hutt, Nelson, Westland, Kaikoura, Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Mackenzie, Waimate, Waitaki, Dunedin, Central Otago, Gore, Invercargill

2019 Local Government Elections

PART ONE

What is local government all about?



What is Local Government all about?

It's a complex business! Under more than 125 pieces of legislation, Council is responsible for:

- Formulating the City's strategic direction in conjunction with the community through the Long Term Plan (LTP) and reporting on progress
- Determining the services and activities to be undertaken by the Council
- Managing various regulations and upholding the law, including the formulation and enforcement of bylaws
- Advocating on behalf of the local community with central government, other local authorities and other agencies
- Environmental management through the Wellington City Plan
- Ensuring local communities are encouraged to be part of the decision-making processes of local government
- Ensuring effective succession of Elected Members

What is being an elected member all about?

- Standing for Council is a big deal!
- Not to be taken lightly, it is an important responsibility
- There to represent and lead the city – eyes and ears
- Representation, advocacy, governance
- Skill set in candidate handbook – page 9

Job description

- Represent interests of council
- Formulate strategic direction and priorities
- Determine expenditure and funding
- Monitor performance
- Develop and oversee policy
- Ensure prudent use of council resources
- Employ and monitor the chief executive only

Core competencies

- Genuine interest for issues faced by Wellington citizens
- Relate to wide range of people – strong people skills
- Competent listening and public speaking skills
- Express ideas clearly and be results focussed
- Understand, analyse and resolve complex issues
- Understand governance versus management
- Think “city-wide” on issues
- Commit to elected members’ Code of Conduct

Council meetings

- In 2016-19 triennium:
- Council meetings held every month, other major committees all other weeks
- Currently approx 19 various committees, subcommittees, working parties, advisory groups, etc.
- Total 94 meetings for 2018/19
- Generally mayor is full time job, councillor is approx 3- 5 days per week
- Untold reading of reports and agendas
- Flexible working hours – evening and weekend work required

Remuneration

Remuneration Authority allocates a “governance pool” and sets minimum councillor remuneration. New Council needs to decide how it wants to allocate the additional “governance pool” funding (e.g., to reflect higher duties for Deputy Mayor, chairpersons, etc.)

Minimum remuneration (2019/20) is as follows:

- Mayor \$180,500 pa
- Councillor \$86,8746 pa
- \$368,916 remaining to be allocated



PART TWO

2019 Election Details

Electoral Officer Role and Responsibilities

- The Electoral Officer (EO) is solely responsible for the conduct of the election
- The EO is not subject to the directions of any local authority, elected members, or the CE
- Provides a level playing field for all candidates
- NB: The EO is **not responsible** for monitoring campaigning by candidates. Only deals with alleged breaches of the Act by passing them to the Police.

Key Dates

Election Period starts	12 July (Friday)
Nominations open	19 July (Friday)
Nominations close	12 noon, 16 August (Friday)
Electoral signs can go up	31 August (Saturday)
Delivery of voting papers	20 – 25 September (Friday-Wednesday)
Special voting period	20 September - 12 October
Removal of election signs	midnight 11 October (Friday)
Close of voting	12 noon, 12 October (Saturday)
Progress results available	12 October, approx 5pm
Official declaration	likely to be 17 October (Thursday)
Candidate expenses deadline	probably 12 December (Thursday)

STV (Single Transferable Vote)

WCC's election is STV in 2019

- STV is all about ranking candidates you wish to vote for in your order of preference, ie:
 - Write a “1” beside the name you most prefer
 - Write a “2” beside the name of your second most preferred candidate, and so on....
- You can rank as many or as few candidates as you wish
- If there is someone you don't want elected at all, don't give them a ranking
- You must only write one number 1, one number 2 etc
- You must not give the same ranking to more than one candidate
- Do not vote with a X or a tick
- If a sequence is broken or doubled up, rankings up to that point are counted

A: CANDIDATE to fill out after reading Important Information on reverse

I (candidate's full name),

accept the nomination and confirm that I have read and understand the **Eligibility and Candidacy** notes on the reverse of this form and declare I am qualified to be a candidate by:

- being a NZ citizen **and** a NZ parliamentary elector, and I am not;
- concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 with the Council or I have obtained prior approval from the office of The Controller and Auditor-General; and;
- I am not subject to a property order made under section 31 of the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 and;
- I am not disqualified under section 58 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Address (as listed on the parliamentary roll):

Email (EO's preferred first point of contact):

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

 I understand that the details provided on this nomination paper will be publicly available for election purposes.

Please advise the Electoral Officer at the time of lodging your nomination if there are contact details that you would not like to be published.
Note: Section 55(5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that this nomination form be available for public inspection at **Tauranga City Council's Customer Service Centre at 91 Willow St, Tauranga.** Please note that candidate and nominator details provided on this form may also be available from the **Tauranga City Council's** website.

I submit with this nomination (please tick appropriate circles):

Evidence of NZ citizenship

Evidence of deposit (\$200)

Photo

Profile statement

I understand that, in not providing a profile or photo, the words "Profile/Photo not supplied" will appear below my name in the profile booklet that will be sent out with the voting paper. **All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time.**

My principal place of residence (tick ONE circle):

is **WITHIN** the Tauranga City areais **NOT WITHIN** the Tauranga City area

I am also standing for the following elections:

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

I wish to use the following affiliation (To be left blank if the candidate does not wish to use any party/group affiliation. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'independent' be shown):

Signature:

Date:

B: NOMINATORS to fill outWe, the undersigned electors of **Tauranga City** hereby nominate (candidate's full name):with his/her consent, as a candidate for the office of **Councillor** of the **Tauranga City Council**, the election for which is to be held on Saturday 12 October 2019.Full name of **First Nominator**:

Address:

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

Signature of **First Nominator**:

Date:

Full name of **Second Nominator**:

Address:

PART THREE

The Nomination Process

Nominations will be called for:

Mayor

Councillors – election of 14 councillors from FIVE wards

- Motukairangi/Eastern Ward 3 councillors
- Pukehīnau/Lambton Ward 3 councillors
- Takapū/Northern Ward 3 councillors
- Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward 3 councillors
- Paekawakawa/Southern Ward 3 councillors

Community Board members

- Makara/Ohariu Community Board 6 members
- Tawa Community Board 6 members

Greater Wellington Regional Council

- Wellington Constituency 5 members
- Porirua-Tawa Constituency 1 member

Capital and Coast District Health Board

7 members at large

Hutt Mana Charitable Trust

1 member for Northern Wellington

All elections are **STV** and have **random** order of candidate names

Nomination Process

Nomination Period – 4 weeks

- Nominations open Friday 19 July
- Nominations close at midday Friday 16 August

All nomination documents **must** be submitted together

- Nom paper, profile statement, photo, evidence of \$200 deposit
- Must provide **evidence of NZ Citizenship** (passport, birth cert)
- **EITHER** bring to Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre, 12 Manners Street
- **OR** scan/email to the DEO – dominic.tay@wcc.govt.nz
- Cannot put nom paper in first week, leave profile till last week
- Will accept online banking of deposits – evidence required
- Cheques will **not** be accepted
- Nomination paper includes warning for candidates to be aware that contact details will be public info
- Can use commonly used name on voting papers – but no titles
- Party affiliations – cannot be offensive, confusing, or too long

Nomination Process (continued)

Candidate **must** state if standing in any other elections in NZ

- Mayor, Ward, Community Board, Licensing Trusts, DHB, other TAs?
- **Is shown at top of profile statement**
- Is not included in the 150 words
- Applies to standing anywhere in NZ
- Must update earlier nomination form if not included
- Nomination paper is a public document, open for inspection

Candidate **must** state if reside in area of election or not

- My principal place of residence **is WITHIN / is NOT WITHIN** the area
- **Is shown at the top of the profile statement**
- Is not included in the 150 words

Other elections

- GWRC nominations to GWRC office Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro
- CCDHB nominations to WCC, 12 Manners Street

2016 Voting Paper

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2016

The Electoral Officer
Tauranga City Council
Private Bag 770114
Orchard Road
Christchurch 8154

You can vote in up to 5 elections using this voting document

Tauranga City Council

- ▶ Mayor
- ▶ At Large
- ▶ Mount Maunganui-Papamoa Ward

Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Tauranga General Constituency)

Bay of Plenty District Health Board

How to vote

Please read the instructions carefully.

There are two types of electoral system used for these elections

- the **FIRST PAST THE POST** system where you tick candidate names
- the **SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTING** system where you rank the candidates using numbers

If you make a mistake that you can't correct clearly, contact the electoral officer and ask for a new voting document.

The candidates' surnames may not be in alphabetical order for all elections

Warning - it is an offence under the Local Electoral Act to interfere in any way with any person who is about to vote with the intention

Tauranga City Council ELECTING THE MAYOR



FPP - THIS IS A FIRST PAST THE POST ELECTION

Tick the circle next to **one (1)** candidate you want to vote for.

The candidate names are listed randomly for this election.

BALDOCK, Larry
(More Democracy Less Bureaucracy)  101

BROWNLESS, Greg
(Independent)  102


CLOUT, Kelvin
(Energy and Experience)  103

GUY, Murray
(Community Focused Leadership)  104

LEAMING, Hori BOP  105

MASON, Max
(Experienced Positive Leadership)  106

MORRIS, Steve
(Together we can build a better city)  107

OWENS, Doug
(Effectiveness, Efficiency, Growth)  108

PETERSON, Noel James
(Independent)  109

PURCHES, Graeme
(Independent)  110

ROBSON, John
(Real Change in TCC - Guaranteed)  111

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I submit with this nomination (please tick appropriate circles): Evidence of NZ citizenship Evidence of deposit (\$200) Photo Profile statement

I understand that, in not providing a profile or photo, the words "Profile/Photo not supplied" will appear below my name in the profile booklet that will be sent out with the voting paper. **All nomination documents must be submitted at the same time.**

My principal place of residence (tick ONE circle): is WITHIN the Tauranga City area is NOT WITHIN the Tauranga City area

I am also standing for the following elections:

I wish my name to be shown on the voting document as:

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Signature:

Date:

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We, the undersigned electors of Tauranga City hereby nominate (candidate's full name):

with his/her consent, as a candidate for the office of Councillor of the Tauranga City Council, the election for which is to be held on Saturday 12 October 2019.

Full name of First Nominator:

Address:

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

Signature of First Nominator:

Date:

Full name of Second Nominator:

Address:

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

Signature of Second Nominator:

Date:

ELIGIBILITY & CANDIDACY NOTES

- Candidates for the position of Councillor do not need to live within Tauranga City area, but must be enrolled as a NZ parliamentary elector.
- Both nominators must be enrolled as electors of the Tauranga City Council.
- No person can be elected to a local authority if he/she is concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 with that local authority. This restriction is waived if prior approval from the office of the Controller and Auditor-General is obtained.
- A candidate may stand for either the regional council or a city or district council (including community or local boards) within the regional council's area but not both (section 58 LEA).
- Nominations cannot be received from persons subject to a property order made under section 31 of the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.
- A candidate **cannot** nominate themselves for office.
- A candidate may under section 56 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) be nominated under a name which the candidate is commonly known provided that the name will not cause offence to a reasonable person; be unreasonably long; include or resemble an official rank or title; cause confusion or mislead electors (section 56 LEA).
- Where no affiliation is claimed, or an affiliation is disallowed by the Electoral Officer under section 57 of the LEA, nothing will be shown in the public notice or the voting paper against the candidate's name. A candidate with no affiliation may request that 'Independent' be shown.
- Under section 121 of the LEA, any person is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000 who:
 - Knowing themselves to be ineligible for election, consents to being nominated for election; or
 - Nominates any person as a candidate whom he/she knows to be ineligible for election; or
 - Not being the candidate signs any nomination paper knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election.
- Each nomination must be accompanied by the required deposit of \$200.00 (inclusive of GST) or proof of an electronic deposit.
- Evidence of NZ citizenship is required at the time of candidate nomination. Acceptable evidence includes NZ passport, NZ birth certificate or NZ citizenship documentation.
- Nominations of candidates **must** be in the hands of the Electoral Officer, Tauranga City Council's Customer Service Centre at 91 Willow St, Tauranga, before 12 noon on the 16 August 2019.
- An employee of a local authority may stand for election as mayor or councillor of that local authority, but if elected, must resign as an employee of the local authority before taking office. This provision does not apply to employees of a local authority elected to a community or local board.
- Previous restrictions on Police employees wanting to stand for election to a local authority have now been removed and there are now no restrictions applying to Police employees wishing to stand in local authority elections.

RETURN, PAYMENT AND REFUND DETAILS

Return by: post to: The Electoral Officer, Tauranga City Council, Private Bag 12022, Tauranga 3143

or, deliver to: Tauranga City Council's Customer Service Centre at 91 Willow St, Tauranga

or, scan and email to: taurangacc@electionz.com

Payments can be made by **cash** or **etpos** directly at the Tauranga City Council's offices at 32 The Square, Palmerston North; if you are returning this form by hand or by online banking using the details provided below:

Account name:	Tauranga City Council	Bank:	National Bank
Account number:	06 0433 0213474 00	Particulars/Reference:	ELECTION
Code:	(Your initials and surname)		

Refunds of nomination deposits (where eligible) will be made by online deposit into a bank account. Please list below the bank account to use for your refund.

Account name:

Account number:

Nominations must be in the hands of the Electoral Officer before 12 noon, Friday 16 August 2019.

All nomination documents **must** be submitted at the same time. For assistance phone the tollfree helpline: 0800 300 149

ELECTORAL OFFICIAL to fill out

Received at the hour of: _____ on the _____ day of _____ 20

Candidate Roll #:

First Nominator Roll #:

Second Nominator Roll #:

Nomination documents approved: Nomination paper Deposit/proof of deposit Place of residence
 Photo Profile statement Standing for other elections
 Proof of NZ citizenship

Signature of Electoral Official:

Date:

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Signature:

Date:

Candidate Qualifications

MUST BE:

- A **New Zealand citizen (required to provide evidence)**
- Enrolled on the **parliamentary electoral roll** (in NZ)
- Nominator and seconder on the roll in the area

CANNOT:

- Be serving a prison sentence of three or more years
- Stand for GWRC and WCC
- Stand for more than one ward
- Have interest in a contract over \$25K per year with council

CAN STAND:

- For DHB and the council (can also stand for mayor)
- For mayor and councillor and CB
- If a council employee but must resign if elected if elected mayor or councillor (but not CB)
- If you live outside area, but must state that on nomination paper

Candidate Withdrawals

- A candidate cannot strategically or politically withdraw after nominations have closed
- Same as for parliamentary elections, ie death or incapacity only
- Medical certificate required – deposit refunded
- Withdrawal application can be made by candidate or their agent

Candidate Profile Statements

- **May** be provided (not mandatory) – see page 17
- If provided, must be provided electronically with the other nomination documents, as an email attachment (MS Word) or on a pen drive
- Up to **150** words about the candidate, their policies and intentions
- Cannot comment on policies etc of any other candidate
- Hand written profiles will **not** be accepted
- Profiles and photos should be emailed to the DEO but hard copies must be attached to nom paper, **i.e. all docs submitted together**
- EO not required to verify or investigate any information included in profile
- Photos in **colour, within last 12 months**, head and shoulders shot only (no hats, sunglasses, children, pets or friends)
- Photos should be supplied electronically as jpgs, scanned at 600 dpi
- Profiles on WCC website as soon as ready after close of nominations
- Candidate contact details on WCC website after close of nominations

Example Profile Statement

Wellington City Council

Electing the Mayor



Celia WADE-BROWN

a good choice for Wellington

My principal place of residence is not in the Wellington City Council area.

Auto-populated text

I am also standing for the Northern Ward and the Capital and Coast DHB.

Celia Wade-Brown is an approachable, fair and inclusive leader. Her positive Council contribution, community work and business background offer a good combination of skills. She has protected heritage and open space, led significant energy and water

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PART FOUR

Campaigning



Campaigning

- Can commence any time
- Generally no rules around campaigning or conduct, but:
 - Can't use council resources for campaigning (logo, branding, colours, WCC FB or twitter feed, photos, council buildings)
 - Voting papers cannot be collected from electors by candidates or their assistants
- Election expenses for campaigning must be recorded and declared in a return after the election
- **Any campaign material** (signs, posters, billboards, flyers, ads, cars, social media) **must have an authorisation** from the candidate or their agent, stating their name, and physical address
 - Not a PO Box, Private Bag, rural number, website address, council's street address
 - Must be on the front of the sign or promotional material (not the back)
- Any content of signs is subject to ASA guidelines and complaints process – must be factual
- Usual rules of defamation apply but don't complain to the EO if you don't like what someone says about you!

Social Media

Beware of Social Media! During the three month election period:

- Council's social media channels will unlike / unfollow all candidate social media channels
- Candidates must not link their own social media channels (if they are used for campaigning purposes) to the Council's social media channels, and must ensure that they have the appropriate authorisation
- WCC social media channels cannot be used for electioneering by candidates or members of the public – will be constantly monitored and strictly enforced
- Any post - positive or negative - made by any individual specifically relating to their own or someone else's nomination, intention to run for Council or election campaign, will be removed
- Council's social media channels will remain neutral. Council will promote elections and the importance of voting but will not associate these posts with any candidates
- During the lead up to elections, the current Mayor and Councillors may be used in social media posts where it is appropriate and is considered 'business as usual' to use them.

Social Media continued

This means, when with the intention of campaigning / electioneering:

- No posting on Council pages / accounts
- No comments / replies on Council pages
- No mentions with a tag (e.g. @WellingtonCityCouncil)
- No picture tagging
- No rating or reviewing Council pages or posts
- No sharing / reposting of WCC posts with electioneering comments

You cannot electioneer on Council's channels, or piggyback on their audiences

WCC social media channels are all channels managed by WCC staff or CCOs, including Wellington City Council, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Neighbourly, Instagram and YouTube

Election signs

- See page 19 of candidate handbook
- Election signs can go up from **Saturday 31 August** (6 weeks prior to election day)
- Must comply with WCC hoardings policy re size and placement – see Public Places Bylaw
- Can be on private land, but only for six weeks
- One sign per candidate per site
- NZTA rules apply for State Highways
- Vehicle signwriting is ok – cost of running a vehicle if it is own personal transport is not an election expense
- **The cost of framing for a sign is not an election expense**
- Complaints made to WCC's Enforcement Officers – not the EO or DEO

Electoral Donations

- No time limit on when donations are received, every donation to be recorded
- You don't have to accept a donation – be careful of reason for donation
- Must be included in candidate expenditure return
- No such thing as an “anonymous” donation if you know who it has come from:
 - someone can't give a donation and ask for it to be treated anonymously
 - anonymous means you don't know who it came from, can't reasonably work it out
 - a third party who passes on a donation must disclose who the donor is
- An anonymous donation cannot be over \$1,500:
 - if it is, candidate can't keep balance over \$1,500, it must be given to EO to pass onto council
 - a donation made up of contributions (e.g. to a trust) is treated as one donation, and can't be over \$1,500
 - it is an offence to circumvent \$1,500 limit, i.e. by deliberately splitting up a donation into smaller contributions.

Election Expenditure Limits

- **Wellington Mayoralty** \$60,000
- **Motukairangi/Eastern and Paekawakawa/Southern Wards** \$20,000
- **Pukehīnau/Lambton, Takapū/Northern and Wharangi/Onslow-Western Wards** \$30,000
- **Makara-Ohariu Community Board** \$ 3,500
- **Tawa Community Board** \$14,000


Election Expenses

- If standing for more than one position the higher limit applies
- The applicable period for which campaign expenditure limits apply is 3 months before election day - **12 July 2019**
- Candidates required to provide details of electoral expenses incurred before or after the applicable period to Electoral Officer – pro-rata expenses for activity outside the 3 months
- Electoral expenses and electoral donation returns required within 55 days after the official result declaration – about 12 December
- Deposit not refunded until the return is completed (provided candidate gets more than 25% of the votes of the lowest successful candidate)
- Electoral expenses and electoral donations returns are public documents
- EO must make expenses documents available on council website for **7 years**
- See page 22 of the Handbook

Election Offences

- See page 47
- Imitation Voting Paper – examples next slide
- Bribery
- Treating
 - Can't provide food, alcohol, drinks, entertainment as an inducement to vote (light refreshments after a meeting is ok)
 - Can't give away a pen, note pad, fridge magnet or item of value
- Undue Influence – cant stand over someone telling them how to vote, or post or deliver someone else's voting paper
- Unauthorised advertisements
- Illegal nomination – e.g. candidate with a court order
- Any formal complaint passed straight to the Police

Example of Signs




VOTE

1 FRED DAGG

**FOR THE
TOWN WARD**

**“OPEN GOVERNMENT
AT ALL HOURS”**

THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON




VOTE

**1 FRED DAGG
BLUE PARTY**

**2 JOHN SNOW
RED PARTY**

**3 JANE DOE
WHITE PARTY**

**4 BILL BOBBI
PURPLE PARTY**



**FRED DAGG
FOR THE
TOWN WARD**

“OPEN GOVERNMENT AT ALL HOURS”

THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS AUTHORISED BY JOHN SMITH OF 12 THIRD STREET WELLINGTON



PART FIVE

Election Process and Results



Electoral Rolls

Preliminary Electoral Roll

- available for public inspection from 19 July to 5pm Friday 16 August 2019
- at Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre and suburban branch libraries
- includes the ratepayer roll
- Cannot be provided electronically to candidates

Final Electoral Roll

- produced following the Electoral Commission's update campaign
- is the roll used for issuing voting papers
- can purchase hard copy for \$80 (plus GST) for full roll or \$20 per ward

Special Voting

- Available for anyone who spoils, loses, or does not receive their voting paper or enrolls after 16 August
- Available for electors on the unpublished roll
- Available from 20 September to 12 noon on election day, 12 October 2019
- Available at the Council office, or can be posted out
- Applicants can come in or contact DEO by phone or email
- Candidates cannot collect special voting documents on behalf of electors

Election Results

- Preliminary count occurs from 12 noon, Saturday 12 October 2019
- **Progress results** expected about **5pm** – approx 98% of votes received (not special votes and votes in transit to processing centre).
- Progress results:
 - Will be available from council's website
 - email to all candidates with email address
- **Preliminary results** expected late on Sunday 13 October, after all ordinary votes have been processed
- **Final results** expected by Thursday 17 October, after special votes have been processed

Coming into Office

- All members come into office on the day following the day on which the candidates are declared to be elected
- This is the day after the public notice has been published - expected to be Friday 18 or Saturday 19 October
- Successful candidates contacted by mayor/staff
- Council's inaugural meeting and the "swearing in" of elected members (elected candidates cannot act until this has occurred)

Resources

WCC candidate handbook and nomination papers.

LGNZ 'Making a Stand' booklet.

WCC's Pre-election report – available from 7 August 2019:

- To inform the community and candidates on key aspects of Council business
- To set out major projects and expenditure for next 3 years
- To promote discussion on issues and inform any elections debate

Legislation (LEA, LER)

Council's website (for election information):

- GWRC candidate handbook
- MOH/DHB “Information for Candidates” booklet and CCDHB candidate handbook

Last word

- No Online Voting
- Campaigning – anything goes...
- Election results – on websites/email – progress/prelim/final
- Election day – Saturday 12 October 2019
- Good luck!!