



## LOCAL ELECTIONS MAY 2019 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL CANDIDATES PHOTOGRAPHS ON BALLOT PAPERS



Local Election candidates are advised that where a candidate wishes to have his or her photograph included on ballot papers the specific requirements are:

- A photograph shall be delivered with the nomination paper to the returning officer in digitised format (Jpeg) **along** with two identical printed copies (passport size - 35mm x 45mm)
- The photograph must be of good quality and in colour showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour) and taken to a professional standard.
- The photograph must be taken not more than 12 months prior to polling day.
- Each copy of the printed photograph must have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back.

If the copies produced (digital and paper) do not comply with the above requirements, the returning officer may not include the candidate's photograph on the ballot paper. If no photograph is supplied the space for the candidate's photograph will be left blank on the ballot paper.

Local Election candidates are advised to consider obtaining their photograph for inclusion on ballot papers as early as possible to ensure sufficient time for lodging with nomination paper. The statutory period for nominations commences at 10am on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and ends at 12 noon on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (excluding Sunday).

**Shane Tiernan**  
**Returning Officer**  
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