**Supply of the register to candidates**

A candidate at a local government election in England and Wales can request a copy of the full register for the electoral area in which they are standing.

 **At a local government election, a person will become a candidate either:**

**• on the last day for publication of notice of election if, on or before that day, they are declared by themselves or by others to be a candidate at the election, or**

**• otherwise, on the day on which they are declared by themselves or others to be a candidate or when they are nominated as a candidate (whichever is the earlier)**

By law, candidates must make a written request to the Electoral Registration Officer for the register. A form is included with the Nomination Pack which candidates may use to request the relevant register.

As soon as the written request is received and the person has become a candidate as defined above, a copy of the register will be supplied as soon as is practicable so that the register can be used to assist with completing the nomination paper, as well as for campaigning.

**The Electoral Registration Officer cannot, however, supply a copy of the register to a candidate earlier than the last date for publication of the notice of election.**