

WHAT IS A WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR?

A Worcestershire County Councillor is someone who will:

- Act as a Community Leader, representing communities by serving them all fairly and equally, promoting tolerance and cohesion.
- Engage with and champion the interests of the local community
- Support the community to participate in solving local issues
- Develop an in-depth understanding of local concerns by consulting the community especially the most vulnerable
- Create and develop partnerships with, and between, all sections of the community to encourage them to do more for themselves and ensure resources are used effectively to meet the needs of the area
- Regularly communicate with the community using e.g. newsletters, emails, phone or social media, to keep local communities informed and to manage expectations.
- To represent the community to the Council and the Council to the community
- To represent and advocate the County Council in a respectful and effective way.
- To promote and support open and transparent government

HOW WILL THEY BE SUPPORTED?

A Worcestershire County Councillor can expect to be supported by:

- A dedicated Member Engagement Officer who will work with Members to support their community leadership role in their Divisions;
- A dedicated team of officers who will work with Members to support their administrative and business needs;
- An opportunity to work in partnership with a senior officer within Worcestershire County Council
- Appropriate IT solutions which will ensure an effective and efficient use of technology including WCC systems

EXPECTATIONS OF WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS

A Worcestershire County Councillor will be expected:

- To actively promote and support good governance of the Council and its affairs
- To actively promote the reputation of Worcestershire County Council
- To forge respectful, appropriate and effective relationships with employees of the Council
- To respect the Member's Code of Conduct, the Member/Officer Protocol and the highest standards of behaviour in public office
- To be committed to the values of the Council and the following values in public office:
 - Openness and transparency
 - Honesty and integrity
 - Tolerance and respect
 - Equality and fairness
 - Appreciation of cultural difference
 - Sustainability