



Standing as a candidate

If you would like to stand as a candidate, please contact Electoral Services for a nomination pack.

Nominations can be made from **Tuesday 27 March to 4pm on Friday 6 April 2018.**

For more information on standing as a candidate, visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk and search 'parish elections'.

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City of Durham Parish Council

An election to form
a **new parish council** will take place
in the City of Durham on
Thursday 3 May 2018.

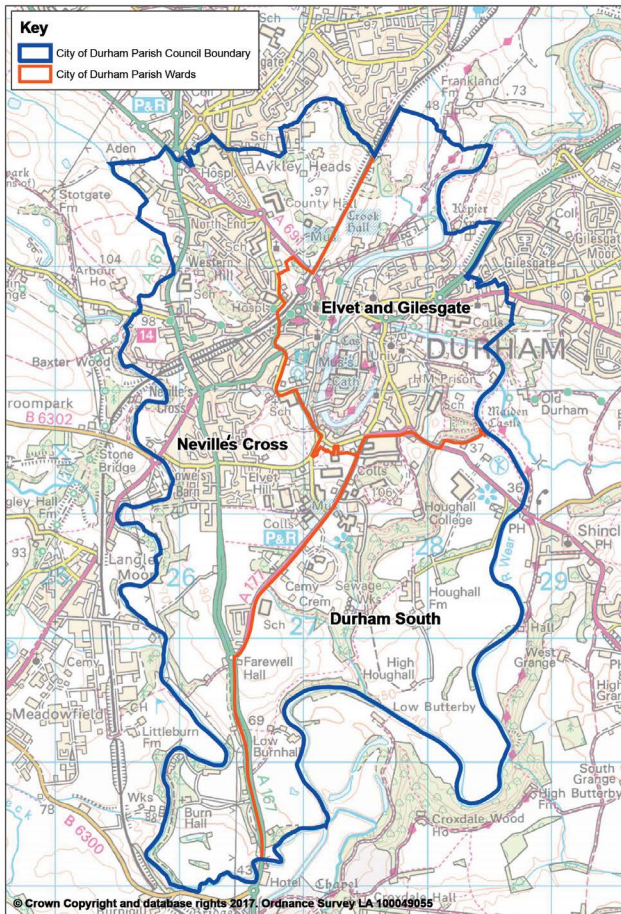


About the new parish council

Following a Community Governance Review held in 2017, a new parish council has been created for the City of Durham.

This follows a ballot with residents last year, where 66 per cent of those who took part voted in favour of a parish council.

Elections for the new council will take place on **Thursday, 3 May**, with the inaugural meeting being held on **Thursday 10 May**.



The council will be made up of 15 parish councillors which will represent three wards.

These are:

- **Elvet and Gilesgate**
- **Neville's Cross**
- **Durham South**

If you live within the area shown on the map and are registered to vote, you will be eligible to vote at this election.

The next election will take place in 2021. After this the elections will fall in line with the ordinary year for local elections in Durham (county, town and parish council elections) and will be held every four years thereafter.

The first meeting of the parish council will be held at 5pm on Thursday 10 May at Shakespeare Hall, North Road, Durham City.

What does a parish council do?

Town and parish councils play an important part in supporting communities across our county.

A parish council represents its community at a grass roots level because it's composed of representatives elected by the people of the parish to make decisions and speak on their behalf.

Parish councils also work to enhance or improve local services, often in partnership with the county council and other partners.

They are subject to a similar range of statutory requirements as principal authorities, such as the county council and are funded mainly by the annual precept - a charge - on your council tax bill.



Important information for voters

To be eligible to vote you need to be on the electoral register. If you are not, you will need to register by Tuesday, 17 April.

It's quick and easy, just visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote People who are listed on the electoral register can request a postal or proxy vote. The deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday, 18 April and for proxy vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday, 25 April.

To request a paper copy of either application form, contact Durham County Council's Electoral Services team on 03000 261 212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk