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## Have you ever wanted to stand for council?

Whether it's a passion for strong local services, a desire to see business regeneration or an eagerness to improve residents' wellbeing and opportunities, there are so many reasons to become a local councillor. Many people will have wondered what changes they may like to make if they were elected and now they have an opportunity to find out more about the role of a councillor and how they could stand for election in the future. Breckland Council is holding a free open evening to give people a chance to hear from current councillors about what the role entails and how they can stand in the next local elections, due to take place in May.

On 12th February (from 6 pm) at Breckland Council Head Office on Walpole Loke in Dereham, local residents interested in standing for council will be able to hear about the experiences of a range of councillors from across different political parties and demographics to find out about the best parts of the role as well as the challenges. Representatives from Breckland Council's Democratic Services team will also be explaining the election process and how local people can apply and stand in the forthcoming elections.

Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen, Breckland Council's Deputy Leader, will be hosting the event. "Being a councillor and representing people in your area is incredibly rewarding but also a big responsibility," he said. "Our event will help provide an insight about what the role entails, what commitment you need to effectively serve your community and how you can put yourself forward for election in May." To book your place or for further information, email: [democraticservices@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@breckland.gov.uk) or telephone: 01362 656343

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