



# The Candidate Selection Rules have been updated

**The Party Board have agreed a small number of changes to the Procedures for Selecting Local Candidates. This follows feedback from use of the 2017 rules. All accompanying documents have been reviewed.**

A look at the changes:

## Improving the appeals process

All candidates have to be given a copy of the procedures - and sign on their application form to confirm receipt.

An expansion on time limits on appeals to include time limits for both the Executive and the AME.

That, if on receipt of an appeal, the Association Chairman finds a mistake has been made then the process can be re-run without the appeal being heard.

## Making things clearer

That proxy voting is not allowed.

How the Executive deals with the members recommendation.

Shortening stage two - providing more options for the composition of the short-listing committee.

## Where to find the most up to date information?

Alongside the new procedures there are the following additional documents:

- Application form
- Application form for sitting councillors
- Guide to Candidate Selection Rules
- Candidate selection rules- appeals (for Association officers and those making an appeal)
- Candidate selection rules- AME Appeals (for AME officers handling appeals)

Documents can be found on campaign toolkit and on the CCA website. They can be requested from your ACM, VPM or via [cca@conservatives.com](mailto:cca@conservatives.com)

## What is different about them?

- The application forms now include a request for a series of signatures to acknowledge, amongst other things, receipt of the procedures and agreement that the result will be accepted.
- All new guidance including documents for Association Chairman and AMEs on how to handle appeals.

## How to get started using the new rules

If you currently have no selection processes underway you should start using the new rules the next time you need to.

All selections for elections in May 2021 and beyond must be carried out under the new process.

In the case that selections for May 2020 are already underway the process should continue using the old rules.

