

Sligo County Council
Local Elections June 2009

Notice to Potential Candidates
Photographs on Ballot Papers

Local Election candidates are advised that where a candidate wishes to have his or her photograph included on ballot papers the specific requirements are as follows:

- A photograph shall be delivered with the nomination paper to the returning officer in digitised format (Jpeg) on a CD along with two identical printed copies (passport size – 35mm x 45 mm)
- The photograph must be of good quality and in colour showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour) and taken to a professional standard.
- The photograph must have been taken not more than twelve months prior to polling day.
- Each copy of the printed photograph must have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back.

If the photographs do not comply with the above requirements, the returning officer may not include the candidates' photograph on the ballot paper. If no photograph is supplied the space for the candidates' photograph will be left blank on the ballot paper.

Local Election Candidates are advised to consider obtaining their photograph for inclusion on ballot papers as early as possible to ensure sufficient time for lodging with nomination paper. It should be noted that the statutory period for nominations commences at 10am on Saturday, 9th May 2009 and ends at 12 noon on Saturday, 16th May 2009.

Queries in relation to the above should be directed to **Deirdre Finnerty, Returning Officer - Phone No. 071-9111025.**