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Good morning Councillors,

I have had confirmation of the timetable from Breckland Council for the Town/parish and District Council Elections next year – the Notice of election will be published on Tuesday 19th March 2019 (the statutory date is 26th March, but Breckland have chosen to do this one week earlier). The close of nomination is no later than 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April, this would be followed shortly after by the declaration of candidates and the ELECTION DAY itself which will be on Thursday 2nd May 2019, with the count to take place at the Dereham Leisure Centre the following day, on Friday 3rd May.

In preparation for this it was agreed by the Town Council to hold two events to raise awareness for prospective candidates to get them to stand for election. **"DO YOU WANT TO BE A COUNCILLOR"** type events will be arranged in December and February as follows:-

Wednesday 12th December at 5pm – 6pm prior to the Town Council Full Council meeting commencing at 6.30pm (6pm – 6.30pm is usually the pre-Christmas drink with the Mayor). The idea of this meeting is to give a brief taster with a short presentation to explain what it is the Town Council does, and how we work with our principal partners at Breckland and County Council's and Q&A session for just an hour to start the ball rolling. We will have some handouts ready and launch the same on our website that day too!

The second event will be scheduled for **Thursday 28th February 2019 at 6.30pm – 8pm**, a slightly longer event, as the election process is getting close, so all the nomination packs will be available and we will be looking for our current crop of Councillors to play an active part in this event, there will be another short presentation, but we will be looking for Councillors to share their experiences and hopefully attract enough interest from the Town for an election, to give the newly elected Council a mandate at the 2nd May election.

At this stage, can you let me know your thoughts on the above two events and the dates, it is only at the planning stage, so any ideas you have would be greatly appreciated – thank you.

Best regards,

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