

*Guidance for candidates and agents: Local government elections in England 6 May 2010*

Erratum

**Change to politically restricted posts.**

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (part 1, chapter 6), which was brought into force on 12 January 2010, after the publication of our guidance, has made an alteration to the rules on politically restricted posts.

The salary provision that automatically made certain employees of local authorities disqualified for standing for election to any local authority has been removed. Political restriction is now linked to the particular role of the employee. These are:

- the Head of the Paid Service
- the statutory chief officers
- non-statutory chief officers
- deputy chief officers
- the monitoring officer
- the chief finance officer
- officers exercising delegated powers
- assistants to political groups
- A sensitive post which meets one or both of the following duties-related criteria:
  - giving advice on a regular basis to the authority (including committees, sub-committees, joint committee, executive of an authority or committee of the executive or any member of the executive who is also a member of the authority)
  - speaking on behalf of the authority on a regular basis to journalists or broadcasters

In *Guidance for candidates and agents: Local government elections in England 6 May 2010* the text on line 3 of paragraph 2.10 which reads 'who exceeds a salary linked to scale 44 of the NJC scale, or' is no longer relevant. Additionally, paragraph 2.13 on the same page is now irrelevant.