Local Election Practice
Ballot Paper
Easy Read Guide
Understanding this ballot paper

A ballot paper is a form that people fill out to show their choice about important things. This ballot paper is for you to choose your next local parish, district or county councillor.

There are different types of councils that are responsible for different services or facilities. Local parish councils run things like community car parks, public toilets and litter bins.

District councils run things like council housing, recycling, leisure facilities and local planning. County councils run things like schools, transport, social services and waste management.

The elected councillor for your parish, district or county council will be in charge of the above things for your area, depending on how big it is.
The box below the title tells you how to vote on the ballot paper. You need to mark an X next to the person you want to choose. The ballot paper will tell you how many people you can vote for.

Below this box are the names of the people who want to be your local parish, district or county councillor. Next to their name, it shows you what political party they agree with.

A political party is a group of ordinary people who join together because they have similar ideas about how they want to help people.

To make your vote, you must put an X in the column to tell us who you most want to be your local parish, district or county councillor.
Once you have made your choice, you must fold the ballot paper form up and post it in the ballot box. There will be people to show you where this is if you need help.

All the ballot papers get counted and the person who gets the most votes will become your local parish, district or county councillor.

Below, you can practice filling out a pretend ballot paper.