

2021 Executive Committee Invitation for Nominations

What is the Local Party Executive Committee?

The Local Party Executive Committee (Exec) runs the Local Party on behalf of members.

The Exec, working alongside Councillors and other campaigners, is to ensure that Liberal Democrats in Milton Keynes are campaigning to support openness, tolerance and other values of the party, with the aim of electing more Liberal Democrat Councillors (and MPs).

The Exec is made up of Officers who run the Local Party on a day to day basis, and includes a number of Ordinary Members who can take on additional responsibilities. When there are significant decisions about the direction of the Local Party then these are made at the Exec meetings which happen through the year.

The Local Party also has a number of sub-committees which work to promote certain priorities such as engaging with members, supporting diversity and driving campaigning for elections. These sub-committees report to the Exec, although not all members need to be on the Exec as well; if you're interested in certain areas then it may be possible to join a sub-committee which will be more focussed on that area.

Nominations Process

If you wish to be nominated to the 2021 Milton Keynes Liberal Democrat Local Party Executive Committee (you would hold office for calendar year 2021), please send a letter or email including your full name, address and telephone number, and indicate which role(s) you would like to apply for, to the Local Party Membership Officer: Amanda Reynolds amanda@mklibdems.co.uk, 23 Singleton Drive, Grange Farm, Milton Keynes MK8 0PX

If possible, please send applications before the day of the AGM as this will significantly help us when carrying out the meeting online (which will be the first time for us). Nominations will close during the meeting in line with the Local Party Constitution, however as stated, we're hoping most nominations will be submitted ahead of time to keep a minimal disruption to the online meeting!

Results will be announced by the Local Party Secretary at the AGM (if possible), and:

- If only one member is nominated for any position (or up to six for Ordinary Members), they will be elected unopposed.
- If there is a contest (two or more nominations for a named position, or 7 or more to be an Ordinary Member) then there will be a ballot of all Local Party members, with notification including candidates' statements to be sent to members by the Local Party Secretary by Thursday 12th November 2020. Ballot papers will need to be returned to an appointed Returning Officer within 21 days of notification.

If anyone applies for more than one position, e.g. for the Fundraising Officer and Ordinary Member roles, positions will be filled in the order of the list below, i.e. if they are appointed Fundraising Officer unopposed, their application to be an Ordinary Member will be 'withdrawn'.

The list of roles up for election on the Executive are:

- 1) Chair
- 2) Vice-Chair
- 3) Treasurer
- 4) Secretary
- 5) Data Officer
- 6) Membership Development Officer
- 7) Press Officer
- 8) Diversity Officer
- 9) Fundraising Officer
- 10) Under 26 Representative
- 11) Ordinary Members (up to six)