

It can be difficult to wade through all the different candidates vying for a seat around the council table, but there are a few things you can do to make it easier.

**How to find out more about your candidates**

* Attend Meet the Candidate meetings
* Ring them or email them and ask questions
* Find out what others know about them.

**Local Government New Zealand’s suggested questions for candidates:**

• What do you see as the biggest challenges facing your community?

* What do you see as the regional council’s role in managing these big challenges?

• If elected, what do you hope to achieve by the end of the term?

• What do you think the role of local government is in shaping the future and success of our communities?

• Why are you running this election?

• What do you think is your most important attribute that you see as an asset or contribution around the council table?

• How do you envisage working with others in council -especially those who don't agree with you?

• What are your thoughts around the role of local and central government in Aotearoa? What could be improved?

• How would you lead your community through challenging times such as natural disasters?

• How do you plan to connect with all parts of your community and ensure their voices are heard?