

# How does the counting process for **dual by-elections** work?

When a mayor resigns from council, these vacancies are filled by dual by-elections: one for the mayor and one for a councillor.

## Mayor

Nominations are received for the position of mayor.\*



Electors vote for mayor



 Mayor votes are counted

The candidate who obtains a majority of votes is elected as the new mayor.\*



## Councillor

Nominations are received for the position of councillor.



Electors vote for councillor



 Councillor votes are counted

The candidate who obtains a majority of votes is elected as the new councillor.



\* The elected mayoral candidate can only accept the position if they are either a current councillor or the newly elected councillor.

If they are not a current or newly elected councillor, the position of mayor remains vacant. In this case, a new by-election will be required to fill the position of mayor.

