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**MEDIA RELEASE  
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**BABERGH CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT  
ELECTIONS**

Babergh District Council has released details of the candidates up for election on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This election is being fought on new boundaries compared to the last district-wide contests in 1999, with the number of seats increasing from 42 to 43.

78 candidates have been nominated of which 27 are Conservative, 1 Green, 10 Independent, 11 Labour, 26 Liberal Democrat, 1 with no description and 2 UK Independence. Seven seats (electing eight Councillors) are uncontested. In these seats there are 3 Conservative, 2 Independent and 2 Liberal Democrat Councillors who have been nominated unopposed.

These figures compare to 90 candidates being nominated and five seats being uncontested in 1999.

Babergh is emphasising the deadlines for those residents who wish to vote by post. Ray Amesbury, Babergh's Electoral and Administrative Services Manager, said "New postal vote applications have to arrive at the Council's Hadleigh HQ by NO LATER THAN 5pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. For those people who already vote by post, but wish to change their details, the deadline is 5pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April".

Anyone wishing to apply for a postal vote should contact Babergh District Council on (01473) 825713.

Babergh will be placing the whole list of candidates on its website ([www.babergh.gov.uk](http://www.babergh.gov.uk)) ENDS

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