



## 2. Gloucestershire LINK Stewardship Board



The Stewardship Board will be open and explain everything it does to the wider Gloucestershire LINK.



The Stewardship Board has got the power to allocate money and other materials for the work of the Gloucestershire LINK.



The Stewardship Board members should take an active role in the LINK, go to at least half the number of all Board meetings and be alright to travel within Gloucestershire.



The Stewardship Board will develop a work plan and order its pieces of work as how important they are.

They make sure that they involve the wider LINK to find out the views of its members.



The Stewardship Board has 12 members.

If a member decides to leave or can not take part anymore and the number falls below 12, the Board can choose a member from the wider LINK to take the free place until the next Annual General Meeting.

This chosen member will have full voting rights.



### How the Stewardship Board is set up



The Stewardship Board will be elected every year by and from registered members of the Gloucestershire LINK.

It will have 12 members. A chair and vice chair will be elected by and from this group of 12 only.

Members of the Board shall stand for election every year and are entitled to re-election.



The Chair may hold office for two following years. If they after that time stand down for one year, they are entitled to re-election.

A vice chair will hold office for one year. If they stand down for one year they are entitled to re-election.



## Who can stand for election?



Candidates must be a member of the Gloucestershire LINK for six months before the nomination date for the elections.

They must be able to attend regularly at Board meetings.

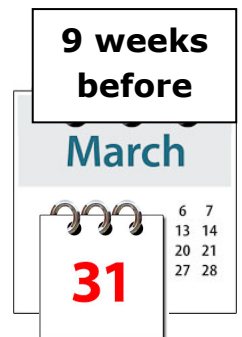


## The process of electing and voting



A Notice of Election will be made public at least nine weeks before the end of the year, which is the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The Notice of Election explains the timetable and arrangements for the nomination of candidates.





Those members who want to stand for election can ask for a self-nomination form from the Host (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council)



These forms need to be completed and sent back to the Host (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) before the closing date given in the Notice of Election.

This date must be at least six weeks before the end of the year.



Voting papers will be sent out at least four weeks before the end of the year.



The Host (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) must receive voting papers at least 14 days before the end of the year.

Any voting papers received after the closing date will not be counted.





Voting papers will be counted by two independent examiners.



The result of the election will be announced (given out) before the end of the year, 31<sup>st</sup> March.



## Election Process for the Chair and Vice Chair



The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected from the members of the new Stewardship Board



Self nomination forms for the Chair will be sent out to the new board members straight after the results of the Board election have been announced.



**7 days**

They need to be returned within 7 days.



Voting papers will be sent out and returned to the Host (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) Within 7 days.



Results will be announced at the Stewardship Board meeting in April



Vice Chair elections will follow a similar process and the results will be announced at the Stewardship Board meeting in May.