

Unity of Purpose

President: J McDermott

Dear Chair & Club Honorary Secretaries,

I have been asked to remind all Staffordshire Member Clubs that the post of Council Member is available for election, and I have to ask you for Candidates. Michael Procter, our incumbent Council Member, is willing to continue as our representative on the RFU Council for a further 3 years. This will be the final time that he can stand.

All Staffordshire Member Clubs have the opportunity to either propose or second a candidate. The rules for proposing and seconding a candidate are set out in italics immediately below: -

 *Proposal of candidates*

1. *Candidates must be proposed by one full voting member club and seconded by another full voting member club. A CB itself can propose or second a candidate (or where a CB elects two Council members, the CB or a club may propose or second two candidates).*
2. *Under Rule 18.7, to be eligible for election, the CB must have received the nomination in writing from both the proposer and the seconder* ***no later than 1 March.***
3. *If either is received after this deadline, the CB cannot accept the candidate.*
4. *Even if a CB assumes that a club will be a proposer or seconder, unless it has this in writing from the club, it is not valid, and the candidate cannot be included in the election process.*

If we have more than one Candidate, an election will need to take place and Candidates will be expected to produce a CV and their Manifesto. It is anticipated that candidates will be given the opportunity to address all Member Clubs at a virtual meeting.

I have also attached the 2024 Elections to the RFU Council: Guidance Note for Constituent Bodies (CBs) document. In this guidance there is RFU Council Representative Role Description (Appendix 1) and a suggested timeline (Appendix 3), some of which is mandatory.

Please send any nominations in writing from both the proposer and seconder to:

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Yours sincerely,

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