

## Council Elections Questions for Candidates

IF YOU WON'T RESPECT MY SEX

DON'T EXPECT MY



### 1. What is a woman?

Not a difficult question, yet it's one which politicians have been tying themselves in knots over recently thanks to the push to allow men to declare themselves as women in law.

Ask this question to gauge a candidate's honesty and integrity. We all know what a woman is, but if they can't be upfront and honest about this then you can't believe a word they say about anything else.

The answer we're looking for is **adult human female**, or the definition in the Equality Act which includes girls: **a female of any age**. If we can't define women, we can't protect our rights.

### 2. Do you understand that the Equality Act protects single-sex spaces and services?

The law provides women with important protections on the basis of **SEX** and it's entirely lawful to exclude men - regardless of their "gender identity" - in order to ensure women's privacy, safety and fairness.

This applies to areas where women are undressing, sleeping, accessing health & personal care services, hospital wards, prisons and sports. Ask your candidates if they know the law.

### 3. Will you protect single-sex services in your community?

Ask your candidates if they will represent women's interests and ensure local service providers and schools uphold the law. Building regulations and planning decisions should be used to maintain single-sex toilets and changing rooms. Funding decisions for women's charities and refuges should not be conditional on including men.

### 4. Will you protect the characteristic of "sex" in council policies?

Many councils have spent thousands of pounds on training from campaign groups who misrepresent the law. This has led to colourful awards but confusion and mistakes in council policies. Ask your candidates to keep the words **WOMAN** and **SEX** in council policies and data collection. We are not a "gender identity" and do not want to be referred to as chest-feeders or menstruators, and we need to collect accurate information on men and women for equality monitoring.

Find out who your candidates are at: [whocanivotefor.co.uk](http://whocanivotefor.co.uk)

Expect your candidates to be **HONEST**, **KNOWLEDGEABLE** and **SUPPORTIVE** of women's rights in policy and practice. Tell them your vote will only go to candidates who **#RespectMySex**.

**78%** of voters are more likely to vote for a party that protects women's sex-based rights, while only 36% are more likely to vote for a party that supports legal self-identification of sex.



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