

## One-Time-Only Candidates for Council Office

In the first round of council elections there were some 900 candidates. Of these, more than half (505) did not contest the next or any further elections. This is perhaps unsurprising for those who lost in their first attempt at election: 356 of them. But it is noteworthy that 149 winners in the first round also chose not to contest a second time. Some perhaps because of illness or death; others possibly because of disenchantment.

Since the first round of elections, there has been a remarkable and constant decline in the number and percentages of candidates who failed to return for a second try at council office.

Here are the figures for one-time candidates:

	All Candidates	Did Not Compete Again	In Percentage Terms
Round 1	900	505	56.11
Round 2	646	197	30.5
Round 3	754	215	28.51
Round 4	745	170	22.82
Round 5	746	to be det	

Of those who did not compete again:			
Had Won	Had Lost	In percentage terms	
149	356	16.56	39.56
85	112	13.16	17.34
66	149	8.75	19.76
62	108	8.32	14.5