Politically Restricted Posts, Employment and Election

1. The law regulates some political activities of local authority employees. This includes restrictions on becoming an elected councillor ('member' is the common jargon) of your own or another local authority. Here is some guidance on the situation.

2. Can I be elected to this Council if I am employed by it?

No. The law disqualifies anyone holding any paid employment with the Council itself from becoming or remaining an elected member of it. These direct links with a person's own authority create an automatic disqualification whatever the level or nature of the post held. (Employment appointments by a joint committee involving the Council can also be caught – seek advice).

As an employee of the Council can I stand for election to it and then