

Canvassing Guidelines: RCoA Election to Council

These guidelines on electoral canvassing aim to provide a fair process for all candidates. Please read them before submitting your application and if you have questions at any point during the election process please contact the CEO's office to discuss.

- Any canvassing should be positive
- There should be no negative campaigning about other candidates
- The following restrictions apply to canvassing by candidates:
 - candidates must not use any RCoA email (or related) address, RCoA social media accounts, branding or stationery or any RCoA resources to conduct canvassing, including any contact information from databases held by the RCoA
 - candidates must not conduct any canvassing through the national media or press, nor should any comments or responses be made to journalists, the national media or press by candidates. Any enquiries received must be referred immediately to the RCoA via elections@rcoa.ac.uk and comms@rcoa.ac.uk
 - candidates must not engage agents or other third parties to act for them in the conduct of their canvassing
 - candidates must at all times maintain the confidentiality, integrity and good standing of the election and its process and the RCoA, and not bring the election or the RCoA itself into disrepute
 - The RCoA chief executive officer acting as Returning Officer reserves the right to determine whether or not a candidate is complying with these guidelines, in consultation with the Audit & Internal Affairs Committee
 - Candidates may be liable to a warning to cease an activity up to and including disqualification from the election by the RCoA chief executive officer acting as Returning Officer if found to be in breach of the spirit and terms of these guidelines, who will have consulted with the Audit & Internal Affairs Committee
 - These guidelines apply to all candidates, and the RCoA reserves the right to amend these guidelines as it sees fit should an unanticipated issue arise during an election.

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