



Co-option – information and application

Eligibility of Candidates

WCC is able to consider any person to fill a vacancy provided that:

- He/she is an elector for Waverley; or
- has resided in the Waverley for the past twelve months or rented/tenanted land or other premises in the parish; or
- had his/her principal place of work in the Waverley; or
- has lived within three miles (direct) of the Waverley. There are certain disqualification's for election, of which the main are (see 5. 80 of the Local Government Act 1972):
- holding a paid office under the local authority;
- bankruptcy;
- having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months, without the option of a fine during the five years preceding the election; and
- being disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

Candidates found to be offering inducements of any kind will be disqualified.

Applications

Candidates will be requested to:

- Submit information about themselves, by way of completing a short application form
- Confirm their eligibility for the position of Councillor within the statutory rules

Appendix A

Co-option Eligibility

1. In order to be eligible for co-option as a Waverley Community Councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated) 18 years of age or over; and additionally able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below.
 - a) be registered as a local government elector for the Waverley Community; or
 - b) during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in Waverley Community parish; or
 - c) your principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the Waverley Community; or
 - d) during the whole of twelve months resided in the Waverley Community or within 3 miles of it

2. Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if he/she:
 - a) Holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or
 - b) Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or
 - c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
 - d) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices. This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:
 - i. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged;
 - ii. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part;
 - iii. If the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In i and ii above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively. In iii, it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

Appendix B

APPLICATION TO FILL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Council seeks to fill a vacancy for a councillor on the above council by co-option. The co-opted councillor will serve until the next Council elections in May 2023.

If successful, you will be required to complete an entry in the parish council's register of members' interests. This involves putting your address, employment, relevant major shareholdings and membership of charities, political parties etc, on public record.

Your full name	Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Ms) First name(s) Surname
Address	
Will you be at least 18 years old on 4 December 2019?	YES / NO
In order for your eligibility to be confirmed please answer all of the following. <i>NB: You must be able to answer "YES" to at least one in order to be eligible.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are you on the current electoral register for Waverley? YES / NO 2. Have you lived in the Waverley or within 3 miles of its boundary during the whole of the last 12 months? YES / NO 3. Has your main place of business been based in Waverley during the whole of the last 12 months? YES / NO 4. Have you occupied (as owner or tenant) property within Waverley for the whole of the last 12 months? YES / NO

Please indicate why you would like to join the WCC:

Please say if you are a member of any community groups within the Waverley Community or/ if any what your involvement within the community is generally

You would be disqualified if you are subject to a Bankruptcy Restrictions Order or have been convicted of a criminal offence with imprisonment for 3 months or more (including suspended) within the last 5 years.

I am not aware of any disqualification to my serving as a Councillor

Signed :

Date :

This completed form should be returned by 26 August to: Rachel Graham - Clerk to the Council – waverleycc2019@gmail.com