



Stanley Town Council

CO-OPTION APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION TO THE ABOVE COUNCIL TO FILL A CASUAL VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

Please complete this form and return it to the Stanley Town Council office by the date shown on the notice of co-option.

Name

Address

Post Code

Email Address

Home Tel No

Mobile Tel No

Are you 18 or over? YES/NO

If successful, you will be required to complete an entry in the Town Council's Register of Members' interests. This involves putting your address, employment, relevant major shareholdings and membership of charities, pressure groups, political parties etc on public record.

Please briefly outline why you are interested in being a Town Councillor.

Please tell us something about the life experiences you will bring to the council, for example, previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector or business experience.

Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the council, for example, professional qualifications, financial, event or project management expertise.

Are there any questions you would like to ask the council members?

Please confirm you have visited Stanley Town Council website and have read:

The Good Councillors Guide: YES/NO

Code of Conduct: YES/NO

Is there any other information you would like to disclose regarding your application? (e.g. if you are related to an employee of the council or would you require assistance during Council meetings with your mobility/hearing/vision)

Signed.....

Date.....

Please return your completed form, together with the Co-Option Eligibility form to: info@stanley-tc.gov.uk or

Responsible Finance Officer
Stanley Town Council
Unit 6, The Greenhouse
Greencroft Business Centre
Stanley
DH8 7XN



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CO-OPTION ELIGIBILITY FORM

To be eligible for co-option as a Stanley Town Councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and be 18 years of age or over on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election). You must additionally be able to meet one of the following qualifications:

- I am registered as a local government elector for the parish of Stanley, **or**
- I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish of Stanley, **or**
- My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish of Stanley, **or**
- I have during the whole of twelve months resided within 3 miles of the parish of Stanley.

Please circle which of the above applies to you.

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 they:

- a) holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chair) 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 their creditors* (but see below), or
- c) has within five years before the day of election, or since their 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 their debts have been fully discharged.
- ii. if the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on their 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.

I (insert name) hereby confirm that I am eligible to apply for the vacancy of Stanley Town Councillor, and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signature: Date:

WARD

***Proposer Office**

Name:

Address:

***Secunder**

Name:

Address:

*(Please note proposers and seconders need to be electors in the ward in which you intend to apply for co-option).

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