

Dear Colleague,

Local Government is the backbone of the Conservative Party, thousands of members are, at any one time, selected for a forthcoming election. Our selection process is aimed at ensuring members are selected fairly and quickly so the fun of campaigning can start.

The first step in this process is completing the enclosed application form. If you are new to the Party do take time now to ask questions about the role and about your experience and what that could bring to the council chamber. The Conservative Party needs individuals from all backgrounds and experiences to ensure that town halls reflect their communities. If you want more advice about the local process, please contact your local Association Chairman:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

If you would like more information about what it would mean to be a local councillor please get in touch with the Conservative Councillors Association. When elected you will join this Association, which provides support and training to all Conservative Councillors. They have services available for candidates and can answer questions about selection and standing.

Conservative Councillors Association:

w: conservativecouncillors.com

e: cca@conservatives.com

Campaigning can be a really fun experience and if selected you will want to get started learning about your local community. There are restrictions in place regarding how we can campaign and how we can raise and spend money. Please take advice if you have any concerns. The Conservative Party Compliance Department can help with any queries.

Compliance Department:

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COUNCIL CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

Application for inclusion on the list of approved candidates for council elections within:

constituency/council.

YOUR DETAILS Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

Title: Forename:

Surname:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

Home address:

Postcode:

1. Are you currently a member of the Conservative Party?

Yes No

Association:

2. Current occupation and place of employment:

3. Previous employment (in the last five years):

4. Is there any reason why your occupation should negatively impact on your ability to serve as a councillor?

5. Please indicate whether you meet each of the following eligibility requirements:

You will not be able to stand for election if you cannot say yes to all of these.

A. I am a British citizen, or qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the European Union and resident in the United Kingdom:

Yes No

B. I will be 18 years or over on the day of nomination:

Yes No

C. I am on the electoral register for the council area in which I am seeking election:

Yes No

OR

I have lived or worked in the council area for at least the last twelve months:

Yes No

6. Please indicate if any of the following apply to you: (please note you may not be able to stand for election if you answer yes to any of the following questions)

A. Do you hold a paid office or employment made or confirmed by the council you wish to stand for?

Yes No

B. Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?

Yes No

C. Have you been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than three months imprisonment (including a suspended sentence) in the last five years?

Yes No

Please note: you may also be disqualified from holding office, by order of the court, if you have incurred illegal expenditure (when acting as a councillor) of over £2,000 and if you have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under the Representation of the People Act (1983) or the Audit Commission Act (1998).

D. Would you be affected by any of the above restrictions?

Yes No

7. Do you disagree with any Conservative policies either nationally or locally, and if so, which?

8. Have you ever been a member of another Political Party/Group? If so, please give details.

9. Please detail any offices you have held or currently hold within the Conservative Party:

10. Have you previously stood as a candidate in a public election (in this or any other area and at any level)? If so, please give details.

11. Please give details of any other campaigning experience not previously mentioned:

12. Please give details of any bodies of which you are a member, for example a community group, school governing body, trade union etc:

13. What local or policy subjects are you particularly interested in or qualified to speak on?

14. How much time would you be able to give to working in your ward/division if selected?

15. What do you hope to achieve if elected to the council?

16. Please indicate whether you are prepared to accept the following conditions:

A. If elected as a councillor I agree to abide by the rules of the Conservative Group on the council (please see attached document):

Yes No

B. I accept the practice of paying to help fund campaigning:

Yes No

C. I am prepared to comply with various statutory requirements of being a councillor (for example abiding by the Code of Conduct):

Yes No

D. I am aware of the requirement for all elected Conservative Councillors to be members of the Conservative Councillors' Association and will become, and remain a member for the duration of my term of office:

Yes No

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact your local Conservative Association for further information.

17. Have you been convicted, cautioned or received a fixed penalty or are there proceedings pending for any criminal matter (other than minor motoring offences)? If so, please give details:

18. Are there any matters which may cause embarrassment to the Party if they became public knowledge?

19. Please give the names of two Conservative Party members who would be prepared to give you a reference if required:

(Referee 1)

Name:

Position:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

(Referee 2)

Name:

Position:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

20. Arrangements

Please advise us if we can make any particular and/or necessary arrangements to assist you in participating in the candidate selection process and/or when attending interview.

DECLARATION

I confirm that the statements made in this application are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and I authorise the Conservative Party to make such further confidential enquiries relating to the application as may be considered necessary.

Signature: **Date:**

I confirm that I have received a copy of the Procedure for the Selection of Local Government Candidates.

Signature: **Date:**

I confirm that I will accept a correctly taken decision using the processes defined under the Procedure for the Selection of Local Government Candidates.

Signature: **Date:**

I can confirm that, if selected as a candidate I will treat personal data, such as canvass cards, with due care ensuring that they are kept safe, destroyed securely and only used for the purpose that they are created.

Signature: **Date:**

I can confirm that I will comply with the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 in respect of any donations over £500, whether cash or as goods or services in kind, received towards my campaigning or election.

Signature: **Date:**

If you would like more information about data protection or Party finance, please contact the Compliance Department.

The Executive Committee/Approval Panel reserves the right to withdraw approval should your circumstances change.