

How to find out more about being a Town Councillor

Before you take the important step of making an application to be co-opted as a member of Okehampton Town Council you may wish to find out more about what is involved. Councillors are elected or co-opted to serve the local community and the Council would wish to be representative of all sections of that community. You do not need any previous experience or special qualifications though it is useful if you know something about the work involved and the range of powers available to the Council, and you certainly need to be interested in the town where you live or work.

If you need to find out more, here are some suggestions which may help you to make decisions:

- Check that you are eligible to serve as an Okehampton Town Councillor.
- Read the brief guide to the work of the Town Council and its Committees.
- Have a look at Agendas and Minutes which record the Council's work.
- Look at the Okehampton Town Council website, www.okehampton.gov.uk
- Visit Simmons Park, the Town Hall and Charter Hall.
- Attend a Council or Committee meeting – the calendar is on the website.
- Arrange an informal discussion with the Town Clerk or a member of the Council.
- Ask questions if you are uncertain about anything.

Contact details for Councillors and for the Town Clerk are on the Town Council website.