

Okehampton Town Council

Co-option of Town Councillor

Qualifications - To qualify for co-option to a town or parish council a person, unless disqualified by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972 or any other enactment must, on the day of co-option, be at least eighteen years of age and be a British subject, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or citizen of a member state of the European Union and:

- (1) continue to be a local government elector for the area of the authority; or
- (2) during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day, have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area; or
- (3) have his or her principal or only place of work during that twelve month period in that area; or
- (4) during the whole of those twelve months, have resided in that area; or
- (5) during the whole of those twelve months, have resided in the community or within three miles of it.

Disqualification from being co-opted is set out in Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Representation of the People Act 1983 and includes anyone:

- (a) who is employed by Okehampton Town Council; or
- (b) who has been adjudged bankrupt; or
- (c) who has been sentenced to prison for three months or more in the previous five years; or
- (d) who has been convicted of offences involving corrupt or illegal practices; or
- (e) who has been convicted for a failure to register or declare disclosable interests under the Localism Act 2011.

Emma James
Town Clerk
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