



# Okehampton Town Council

## Notice of Co-option of Councillors

The Returning Officer at the office of West Devon Borough Council has confirmed that the Council can now fill the casual vacancies for the North and South Wards by co-option.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rule 1986 the council will fill the casual vacancy by co-option.

The council may co-opt any person who is legally qualified to hold such office, and who is willing to serve provided they meet the criteria as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 and are not for any reason disqualified –  
please contact the Town Clerk for further details.

Provided the person also satisfies at least ONE of the following they may apply:

- They are registered as a local government elector for the parish
- They have during the whole of the preceding twelve months occupied as owner or tenant, any land or premises in the parish
- Their principal or only place of work during the preceding twelve months has been in the parish
- They have during the whole of the preceding twelve months resided in the parish or within 4.8 km of it

They must also be 18 years or older on the day they become nominated for election.

**Applicants are to contact the Town Council, contact details below, for details and the application form.**

**The closing date for applications is 12noon on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 following which the casual vacancy will be filled by co-option at a remote meeting of the Council at 7pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

Emma James  
Town Clerk  
6<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
01837 53179  
townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk



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## Application for Co-option as Town Councillor

### 1. Please enter your personal details below and then sign the eligibility statement

Full name: .....

Address: .....

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Tel no: ..... Email: .....

Would you prefer to be co-opted to the North or South Ward? .....

I declare that I meet the criteria for eligibility as set out in s.79 of the Local Government Act 1972, and that I am not disqualified for being co-opted by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, under s.80 of the Local Government Act 1972, s.78A of the Local Government Act 2000 or s.34 of the Localism Act 2011, see attached notes.

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

If you require additional space for sections 2, 3 or 4 please include a separate sheet of paper.

### 2. Please explain why you would like to be a councillor in a maximum of 200 words

The information that you provide will be held by Okehampton Town Council and used for the purpose of the administration of this vacancy. We will keep the information for the period of time as set out in the Council's Document Retention Policy. The information will be held securely and not be disclosed to anyone or used for any other purpose without your permission. On expiration of the retention period the information will be destroyed in a secure manner. Policies about how the Council will protect your privacy are available at [www.okehampton.gov.uk/documents](http://www.okehampton.gov.uk/documents) or by contacting the Council on 01837 53179

**3. List your community involvement in this town or elsewhere**

**4. Are there any issues regarding Okehampton about which you are particularly concerned? (max 200 words)**

## Eligibility Criteria

I am a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Union who has attained the age of 18 years and:

- I am registered as a local government elector for the area of Okehampton Town Council, or
- I have during the whole of the 12 months preceding occupied as owner or tenant land, or other premises in the Okehampton Town Council parish, or
- My principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the Okehampton Town Council parish, or
- I have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the Okehampton Town Council parish or within 4.8 kilometres of it