



ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL

Following a resignation, a vacancy exists for a Councillor for Palace Ward for Royston Town Council. This vacancy will be filled by co-option to the Council. The successful applicant will serve until the next election in May 2022.

Qualifications for holding office as a Councillor

To be able to stand as a Town Councillor, an applicant must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of nomination
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 1. They are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish from the day of their application onwards.
 2. They have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the 12 months before the day of their application.
 3. Their main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of their application has been in the parish.
 4. They have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of their application.

Disqualifications

Apart from meeting the qualifications listed above, the applicant must also not be disqualified from standing.

A person is disqualified from being a Councillor if at the time of their application:

1. They are employed by the Town Council.
2. They are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
3. They have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before the day of their application.
4. They have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or were responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court has ordered their disqualification.

To apply for the vacancy, please complete the co-option eligibility form below and also submit a personal statement, of a maximum of 400 words, detailing the experience and skills that you can bring to Royston Town Council and explaining why you would like to become a Town Councillor.

Email the documents to town.clerk@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk or post to The Town Clerk, Royston Town Council, Town Council Offices, Melbourn Street, Royston, Herts SG8 7DA.

Closing date for applications is Monday 9th November 2020. Co-option will take place at the Full Council meeting on Monday 30th November 2020 where all eligible applicants will be allowed to address council members for a maximum of 3 minutes to introduce themselves and give further information on their background and experience and why they wish to become a member of the Town Council;



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CO-OPTION ELIGIBILITY FORM

- Are you a British subject, citizen of the Commonwealth or citizen of the European Union? YES/NO
- Are you 18 years of age or over? YES/NO

PLEASE TICK THOSE BELOW WHICH APPLY TO YOU

a) I am registered as a local government elector for the town of Royston; or	
b) 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 town of Royston; or	
c) My principal or only place of work has, during the whole twelve months preceding my co-option, been in the town of Royston; or	
d) I have during the whole of twelve months preceding my co-option lived in the town of Royston or within 3 miles of it.	

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 specific criteria are not met:

- a) Are you an employee of Royston Town Council? YES/NO
- b) Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order? YES/NO
- c) Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine. YES/NO
- d) Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority? YES/NO

DECLARATION

I.....hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Royston Town Councillor in Palace Ward and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signed:

Print:

Date: