



Co-option Policy

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Due for Review: October 2023

Candidates wishing to apply for co-option should apply in writing demonstrating that they meet the statutory requirements as set out in Form 2 attached

The applicant must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, be 18 years of age or over on the relevant date and additionally able to meet one of the following qualifications:

- a) be registered as a local government elector in the Parish of Fleet
- b) during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the Parish of Fleet
- c) the principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the Parish of Fleet
- d) during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option resided within 4.8 km of the Parish of Fleet.

Co-optees should be able to demonstrate by completion of Form 1

- A record of commitment to Fleet Town Area including support for the local community by voluntary or charitable actions
- Particular skills that would benefit the Council in the discharge of its public duty

In the event of more candidates coming forward than vacancies to be filled, Members shall select councillors by completion of ballot papers

When Virtual Council meetings are being held the co-option candidates will be asked to wait offline until voting has taken place and then return to hear the results. During the pandemic it will be necessary to have a recognised vote for each member which will remain confidential.

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