

COUNCIL CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

(FOR REAPPROVAL OF A SITTING COUNCILLOR)

Application for inclusion on the list of approved candidates for:

County District Borough Unitary

council elections within constituency/council.

YOUR DETAILS Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

Title: Forename:

Surname:

Telephone: Mobile:

Email:

Home address:

Postcode:

1. Are you currently a member of the Conservative Party?

Yes No

Association:

2. Current occupation and place of employment:

3. Please detail any other employment since you were last approved as a candidate:

4. Is there any reason why your occupation should negatively impact on your ability to serve as a councillor?

5. Do you disagree with any Conservative policies either nationally or locally, and if so, which?

6. How much time would you be able to give to working in your ward/division if selected?

7. Are there any matters which may cause embarrassment to the Party if they became public knowledge?

8. Have there been any other changes to your circumstances (since last approved) which may prevent you from standing as a councillor in this area (for example re-location)? If so, please give details:

9. Did you join and maintain your membership of the Conservative Councillors' Association throughout your current term of office?

If you are not a current member of the CCA you will not be able to stand.

Yes No

10. What do you feel you have achieved during your time as a councillor?

11. What do you feel you have achieved for your ward/division during your time as a councillor?

12. How would you like to develop your role as a councillor over the next four years?

13. Please indicate whether you are prepared to accept the following conditions:

A. If elected as a councillor I agree to abide by the rules of the Conservative Group on the council:

Yes No

B. I accept the practice of paying to help fund campaigning:

Yes No

C. I am prepared to comply with various statutory requirements of being a councillor (for example abiding by the Code of Conduct):

Yes No

D. I am aware of the requirement for all elected Conservative Councillors to be members of the Conservative Councillors' Association and will become, and remain a member for the duration of my term of office:

Yes No

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact your local Conservative Association for further information.

14. Have you been convicted, cautioned or received a fixed penalty or are there proceedings pending for any criminal matter (other than minor motoring offences)? If so, please give details:

15. Arrangements

Please advise us if we can make any particular and/or necessary arrangements to assist you in participating in the candidate selection process and/or when attending interview.

DECLARATION

I confirm that the statements made in this application are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and I authorise the Conservative Party to make such further confidential enquiries relating to the application as may be considered necessary.

Signature: **Date:**

The Executive Committee/Approval Panel reserves the right to withdraw approval should your circumstances (as detailed above) change.

If you are unable to sign above either by hand or electronically:

By ticking this box, I acknowledge that I have read and understood this application form and agreed to abide by its terms and conditions.

MODEL AGREEMENT TO STAND

This is an agreement between [] Constituency Association and [] (Candidate) setting out the expectations on each of them arising from []'s (Candidate's) adoption as an official Conservative local government candidate. Each party agrees that the expectations will govern the relationship between them during []'s (Candidate's) service as a candidate and, if elected, as Councillor.

Councillors (and, where appropriate, Candidates):

- Must be members of the Party; of the Conservative Councillors' Association; and members of the official Conservative Group of every principal council of which they are a member.
- Must play a full, active and constructive part in their local Association(s) and Branch(es) during the whole of their period of office, including campaigning, membership development, fundraising, social and political activities.
- Where their personal financial circumstances allow, should make a financial contribution to the Party (whether through subscription, donation, support in kind or otherwise) which recognises their position as leading activists in the voluntary party. Such contributions may be to their Branch(es), Association(s) or Council Group, or a combination of them.
- Are visible representatives of the Party whose conduct and statements impact directly on the reputation of the Party and must conduct themselves in the best interests of the Party.
- Must diligently attend and participate in meetings of the Conservative Group and Full Council and such other Committees and Bodies to which they are appointed by the Council.
- Must handle constituency casework in an efficient, helpful and professional way and participate appropriately in local and community activities.
- Must be proactive in providing material to support the Association or Group's literature campaigns, website or media strategy.
- Must co-operate fully with the Party's campaign strategy for elections including giving mutual aid to other Conservative candidates when asked and, when themselves a candidate, complying with the requirements of the duly appointed election agent.

The Association(s) will support Councillors (and, where appropriate, Candidates) by:

- Ensuring an open, fair and consistent adoption process.
- Providing appropriate training.
- Producing both election and peace-time literature and material in accordance with an agreed strategy.
- Endeavouring to maintain effective organisation both centrally and through a branch network to support Councillors and Candidates in their work.
- Maintaining a website with pages available for use by Councillors.

The Association may indicate a financial contribution Councillors are invited to pay towards the support they receive in that capacity and in their election campaigns but shall not directly relate such contribution to any allowances received by the Councillor from public monies nor use a reasonable refusal to pay such a sum as evidence in a re-selection process. Any such invitation shall take into account any financial contribution made by the Councillor to the Council Group for campaigning purposes.

Signature:

Date:

(Councillor/Candidate)

Signature:

Date:

(on behalf of the Association)