

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Vacancy for a Town Councillor

What to do if you are interested in standing for co-option to Faringdon Town Council.

1. Contact the Town Clerk – 01367240281
sally@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk
2. Read the information provided by the clerk and ask for a meeting if you want to ask questions
3. All potential candidates will be requested to complete an application form to confirm they are eligible, by Wednesday 7th July.
4. Attend the Full Council Meeting where co-option will take place.
Tuesday 13th July at 7.15pm, in the Corn Exchange

What will happen at the Full Council meeting?

- i. Clerk will confirm that each candidate is qualified to become a councillor and is not disqualified from being a councillor as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 s79 and s80.
- ii. Candidates will be offered the opportunity to give a five-minute verbal presentation to council, explaining why they would make a good councillor.
- iii. Council will debate and vote on the candidate they co-opt – a majority is required.
- iv. The newly co-opted councillor will sign the declaration of office and join the council.

What happens after the meeting?

New councillor will be asked to complete a 'registration of interests', provided a welcome pack, councillor's tablet and email and also offered a date for an induction

The Clerk will notify Democratic Services of the new councillor appointment and provide them with the new councillors 'registration of interests'.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ROLE OF COUNCILLOR ON FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Full name	
Home address Inc. Postcode	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	
Email	

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A TOWN COUNCILLOR QUALIFICATIONS

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below)

Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country?	Yes / No
Are you 18 or over?	Yes / No

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the questions below)

Are you on the electoral register for the parish ward of Faringdon?	Yes / No
Have you lived either in the ward of Faringdon, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	Yes / No
Have you been the owner or tenant of land in the ward of Faringdon for at least a year?	Yes / No
Have you had your only or main place of work in ward of Faringdon for at least a year?	Yes / No

DISQUALIFICATIONS

(You must be able to answer No to all of the questions below to be eligible to serve as a councillor)

Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?	Yes / No
Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel Islands or the 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
Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	Yes / No

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Please briefly outline of why you are interested in being a Town councillor.

Please tell us something about the life experience you will bring to the Council, for example, previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience.

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Please tell us something about the skills you feel you will bring to the Council, for example, professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise, listening and organisational skills.

Are there any questions you would like to ask the council?

Signed.....

Date: