

**COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION
APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete the form clearly in black ink using capital letters and keep within the boxes. Continue on another sheet of paper if necessary.

Name:	
Address including postcode:	
Telephone number	
Email address	
I am a member of a political party Y / N Name of political party:	
Please explain why you wish to become a councillor. (Use a continuation sheet if necessary.)	
What skills and/or experience can you bring to this role? i.e. understanding or experience of Parish Council, Local Government or Civil Service Financial or Strategic Planning, Charing of Boards & Committees, Health & Safety or Human Resources.	
Please describe your interests in community matters such as the environment, young people, open spaces, Volunteering, Planning etc	

Cont'd overleaf:

QUALIFICATIONS* FOR ELECTION AND HOLDING OFFICE AS A COUNCILLOR

You have to be:

- i. a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and
- ii. on the “relevant date” (i.e. the day on which you apply or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and additionally:
- iii. on the “relevant day” a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand; or
- iv. have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
- v. have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- vi. during that 12 month period resided in the Rochford Parish Council area or if you have lived in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months proceeding the “relevant day”.

(Please note for the purpose of this co-option the “relevant date” or date of election is the date when this application form is signed)

You cannot apply for co-option if you:

- i. are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- ii. have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- iii. work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

Formal declaration of eligibility to hold office as a councillor

I have read and understood the above terms and condition and sign below to confirm that I am eligible to be considered for the position of a councillor with Rochford Parish Council .

Signed

Print full name

Date

**Relevant legislation:*

Section 79(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) as amended by section 18 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, which came into force on 7th January 2007