

Co-Option Application Form

Name _____

Address for Correspondence: _____

Telephone _____ Mobile _____

E-mail _____

Are you 18 or over? YES/NO

Please detail any experience you have that may be relevant to Stalham Town Council. (If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet of paper).

Is there any other information you would like to disclose regarding your application? (If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet of paper).

Signed Dated

Please return this form and the Eligibility Form on the next page to:

The Clerk at Stalham Town Council, The Town Hall, 74 High Street, Stalham, Norfolk, NR12 9AS

or e-mail all documents to clerk@stalham-tc.gov.uk

Please note that the majority of Council meetings are held in an evening and, unfortunately, under present legislation the parish council is not permitted to contribute to the cost of councillors' childcare or care of dependents.

Co-Option Eligibility Form

In order to be eligible for co-option as a Stalham Town Councillor you must be a British Citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and registered as a local government elector; and additionally able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below.

- I have during the whole of twelve months on the relevant date resided in Stalham or within 3 miles (4.8 km) of it; or
- I have, during the whole of the twelve months, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or
- My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish; or

Please indicate those qualifications which apply to you.

2. Please note that 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 he/she:

- a) holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or
- b) is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or
- c) has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- d) is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances: -

if the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged.

- i) if the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part.
 - ii) If the person is discharged without such a certificate.
- In (i) and (ii) above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively. In (iii), it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

I (name).....hereby confirm that I am eligible to apply for the vacancy of Stalham Town Councillor, and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signed Dated

Please completed the below questions to complete your application.

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

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.

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

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