Conservatives

COUNCIL CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION

This form is the first step towards being selected, and should be completed and returned as described here.

- Please ensure your responses are easy to read, if completing the form by hand
- Unless they are not applicable to you, please provide full replies to questions with response boxes
- Complete only the sections relevant to you:

Sections of this form	Sitting Councillor	New Candidate (for full choice of seats)	New Candidate (streamlined process – ie for specific seats only or in emergency)
Your details	Y	Y	Y
Eligibility requirements	Y	Y	Y
Disqualification questions	Y	Y	Y
Political background	Y	Y	Y
Employment	Y	Y	
Commitment if (re)elected	Y	Y	
Disclosure	Y	Y	
Sitting councillors	Y		
References		Y	
Declaration and commitments	Y	Y	Y

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

CHOICE OF COUNCIL

Application for inclusion on the list of approved candidates for:

Council(s).

YOUR DETAILS

Title

Forename

Surname

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Home address

Postcode

Are you currently a member of the Conservative Party?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, which Association/Federation?

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You will not be able to stand for election if you cannot say yes to all of these.

A. I am a British citizen, or qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the European Union and resident in the United Kingdom:

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. I will be 18 years or over on the day of nomination:

☐ Yes ☐ No

C. I am on the electoral register for the council area in which I am seeking election:

☐ Yes ☐ No

OR

I have lived or worked in the council area for at least the last twelve months:

☐ Yes ☐ No

DISQUALIFICATION QUESTIONS

Please indicate if any of the following apply to you: (please note you may not be able to stand for election if you answer yes to any of the following questions)

A. Do you hold a paid office or employment made or confirmed by the council you wish to stand for?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?

☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Have you been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than three months imprisonment (including a suspended sentence) in the last five years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please note: you may also be disqualified from holding office, by order of the court, if you have incurred illegal expenditure (when acting as a councillor) of over £2,000 and if you have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under the Representation of the People Act (1983) or the Audit Commission Act (1998).

D. Would you be affected by any of the above restrictions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

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

Have you ever been a member of another Political Party/Group? If so, please give details.

Please detail any offices you have held or currently hold within the Conservative Party:

Have you previously stood as a candidate in a public election (in this or any other area and at any level)? If so, please give details.

Please give details of any other campaigning experience not previously mentioned:

Please give details of any bodies of which you are a member, for example a community group, school governing body, trade union etc:

What local or policy subjects are you particularly interested in or qualified to speak on?

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.

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Current occupation and place of employment:

Previous employment (in the last five years):

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

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

COMMITMENTS IF (RE)ELECTED

What are your key strengths as a candidate? Why should voters vote for you?

How do you turn a vision or goal into reality? When have you demonstrated overcoming an obstacle?

How much time would you be able to give to campaigning in your ward/division if you are selected?

What do you hope to achieve if you are (re)elected to the council?

DISCLOSURE

Please provide the account names/handles for any publicly viewable social media accounts that you operate – eg Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok:

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:

Are you currently subject to any proceedings under the Party's Code of Conduct? If so, please give details:

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

SITTING COUNCILLORS

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

Did you join and maintain your membership of the Conservative Councillors' Association throughoutyour current term of office? (If you are not a current member of the CCA you will not be able to stand.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

How would you like to develop your role as a councillor over the next four years, if re-elected?

REFERENCES (NOT REQUIRED FOR SITTING COUNCILLORS)

Referee 1

Name	
Position	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Referee 2

Name	
Position	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

DECLARATION AND COMMITMENTS

Tick each one and sign at the end.

My application

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ I confirm that I have received a copy of the Rules for the Selection of Local Government Candidates (dated [March 2026]) and I will accept a correctly taken decision using these Rules.
- ☐ I confirm that I will ensure my membership of the Conservative Party is maintained throughout my time as a candidate and, if elected, my time as a councillor.

Compliance

- ☐ I confirm that, if selected as a candidate I will treat personal data, such as canvass cards, with due care ensuring that they are kept safe, destroyed securely and only used for the purpose that they are created.
- ☐ I confirm that I will comply with the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 in respect of any donations over £500, whether cash or as goods or services in kind, received towards my campaigning or election. ***(If you would like more information about data protection or Party finance, please contact the Financial Compliance Department.)***
- ☐ I confirm that I have read and will adhere to the Code of Conduct for Conservative Party Representatives **https://www.conservatives.com/code-of-conduct**

Commitments if selected, and continuing if elected (these do not apply to those applying through the Shortened Process)

- ☐ I commit fully to getting myself elected.
- ☐ I will aim to have canvassed 50% of my ward five months before an election and 100% by polling day (unless I am directed to campaign elsewhere by the Association/Federation Deputy Chairman Political).
- ☐ I will set up and maintain my candidate Facebook page; keep it updated with regular news and messages; agree that my candidate Facebook page will be linked to the Association/Area/Group Conservative page so that campaign content can be automatically posted onto my own page; and I will engage with residents via local Facebook groups in my ward.

- [ ] I will support and thank volunteers when they come to help me campaign in my ward.
- [ ] I will avoid booking holidays during the final month of an election.
- [ ] I will take feedback onboard and seek to continuously improve my campaigning.

Commitments if elected

- [ ] I will deliver at least one leaflet to each household in my ward every year in line with an agreed campaign/template
- [ ] I commit to complying with various statutory requirements of being a councillor (for example abiding by the Code of Conduct).
- [ ] If elected as a councillor I agree to abide by the rules of the Conservative Group on the council.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] I agree to pay any properly agreed subscription to the Conservative Group and/or contribution to the Association/Federation in lieu of campaigning costs.
- [ ] I will regularly attend meetings of the Conservative Group; of the Council and its committees; and of town and parish councils in my ward.

Signature

Signature: **Date:**

The Executive Council/Approval Committee reserves the right to withdraw approval should your circumstances change.