



Haslemere Town Council

Co-option of a Town Councillor Haslemere – Haslemere South Ward

A vacancy for a Town Councillor has arisen at Haslemere Town Council as no request for a by-election was formally received for Haslemere South Ward (one councillor). This vacancy will be filled by co-option, the process is as follows:

A person is qualified to be elected and to be a parish councillor (LGA 1972, Sec 79 (1)), if they are a British, Commonwealth, Republic of Ireland or European Union citizen and on the day of their nomination and subsequently the day of poll they are aged 18 or over, in addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- I. on the relevant day and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish, or
- II. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, or
- III. during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principle or only place of work has been in the parish, or
- IV. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

Except for qualification (I), which must continue for the length of office, the above qualifications must apply for the period covering nomination and election, (LGA 1972, Sec79(2)).

Certain people are disqualified from standing, these include paid officers of the council (including clerks), bankrupts and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment (within last 5 years prior to date of election), (LGA 1972, Sec 80).

Application forms, which must be proposed and seconded by two electors from the Town's electoral area, are available from the Town Clerk, High St, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 2HG, town.clerk@haslemere-tc.gov.uk, 01428 654305.

Closing date for nominations to be received is Friday 13th November 2026.

An extraordinary Council meeting will then be held in November at which candidates will be invited to attend and make a statement to Council as to why they should be elected. Council will then vote to elect the new town councillor.

Ms Pippa Sherriff
Interim Town Clerk
Haslemere Town Council